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GIGANTIC U.S.-BRITISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE BATTLE PREDICTED

BRITISH STEAMER IN DISTRESS

Leaking Badly In
Engine Room.

BOUND FOR SHANGHAI WITH CARGO OF LUMBER

San Francisco, To-day.
Distress messages have been received from the British steamer, "Cape Cornwall," which is in the Pacific en route to Shanghai with a crew of 40 and a cargo of lumber.
The vessel is stated to be in distress and leaking badly in the engine room.
It is believed that the "Cape Cornwall" is off the coast of Japan. — Reuter.

The s.s. Cape Cornwall is a steel-screw ship of 5,021 tons gross, and was built in 1918 by Messrs. R. Duncan Company, Ltd., of Glasgow. She was formerly named s.s. Verbania and s.s. Trafalgar.
Her dimensions are: length, 405.3 feet; breadth, 53 feet; depth, 27.4 feet.

AMERICAN JEW ASSAULTED

Badly Beaten By
Nazi Tenant.

ASSAILANT ARRESTED

Berlin, To-day.
An American Jew, Max Schlusser, was severely beaten yesterday by one of his Nazi tenants named Friedel, who resented an order made against him to pay his rent.
The police called on Friedel and arrested him. Schlusser was sent to hospital.

Schlusser was the victim of a previous Nazi attack on March 7, 1933. On that occasion, the American Consul protested to the Chief of the Secret Police, who promised to mete out severe punishment. — Reuter.

STRIKES ILLEGAL IN GERMANY.

Wide Powers Decreed
For Employers.

Berlin, To-day.
A new German law is to be enforced on May 1, which, *inter alia*, makes strikes illegal and the fate of the workers depend solely on the decision of the employer, subject to advice from the Advisory Workers' Council.
The decision of the employer will prevail unless vetoed by the trustees of the "Labour Front." — Reuter.

FRENCH SWINDLER'S SUICIDE.

Told His Wife That
He Was Ruined.

Paris, To-day.
A dramatic admission was made yesterday in the Slavsky enquiry when Madame Slavsky told the examining Magistrate that her husband had informed her of his intention to commit suicide.
"Serge told me on December 23 that he was utterly ruined and, as he did not wish ignominy to descend on me and the children, he intended to commit suicide. I tried to dissuade him but was unsuccessful." — Reuter.

REPUBLICAN OPPOSITION TO ROOSEVELT

Definite Attitude To Monetary
Programme Deferred

Washington, To-day.
The Republican Senate caucus, headed by Senator McNary, has demanded an adequate hearing on President Roosevelt's monetary legislation, but has deferred the adoption of a definite attitude.
The Democratic majority are confident that the legislation will be easily enacted. — Reuter.

SILVER STEADY ON WALL ST.

Sharp Advance In
Rail Stocks.

HEAVY TRADING IN ALL MARKETS

New York, To-day.
The upward trend in stock prices was slowed on the New York Exchange yesterday. Rails advanced sharply, rising 1.89 to 46.25, while industrials, utilities and bonds were up .21, .06 and .72 to 103.40, 26.23 and 87.71 respectively. The commodity index declined .59 to 61.70.

BETTER BUSINESS AND HIGHER MARKETS IN 1934

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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New York, To-day.
Mr. Roger Ward Babson, America's leading statistician, has estimated that in 1934 the combined index of industrial stocks may approach the 1931 levels.
He predicts that the bond price will advance, with an average yield of five and a half per cent. as against 6.4 per cent. at the present time. The outlook, he said, is for better business and higher markets. — United Press.

Business again reached a high figure, 3,440,000 shares being traded.

The decline in the London parity caused an overnight accumulation of selling orders on the silver market. When these were digested, prices steadied in spite of the early afternoon decline in sterling. Futures displayed continued steadiness. — Reuter.

"COMMANDEERING" GOLD.

Senators Doubt Legality
Of New Measure.

Washington, To-day.
The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, and other experts, have explained the provisions of the Monetary Bill, which has reached the committee stage, to the Senate Banking Committee.

The latter have requested the Attorney-General, Mr. Homer S. Cummings, to give a written opinion on the legality of "commandeering" the Federal Reserve's gold.

The request was made after the Democrat members had sharply challenged its validity.

Senators Carter and Glass did not consider that paying the Federal Reserve with a special type of gold certificates could qualify as "just compensation."

The Chairman, Senator Fletcher, has announced that the Committee will hold a secret hearing to-day. The witnesses will include the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and the well-known economist, Professor Rogers. — Reuter.

RACE FOR CURRENCY DEPRECIATION

U.S. AND BRITAIN SEEK FOREIGN TRADE

SILVER ADVOCATES DISORGANIZED BY ROOSEVELT MESSAGE

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WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
MR. EUGENE BLACK, GOVERNOR OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD STATES THAT THE FEDERAL RESERVE HAS RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION NATIONALISING THE COUNTRY'S GOLD. THE STATEMENT HAS SQUELCHED THE RUMOURS THAT THE FEDERAL RESERVE MIGHT FIGHT TO PREVENT SURRENDERING GOLD.

Observers have predicted that President Roosevelt's plan is likely to lead Great Britain and the United States into a gigantic foreign exchange battle which will eventually result in currency stabilisation.

It is reported that the British fear that an American equalisation fund will cause a race for depreciation of currencies with foreign trade as the goal.

It is believed that President Roosevelt hopes his policies will hasten international stabilisation. His action is directed to the fact that President Roosevelt decided to go part of the way alone only when foreign nations were unable or unwilling to join monetary discussions.

It is believed that his request for ultimate dollar revaluation between 50 and 60 cents is about as far as he is likely to proceed without France or Britain. Congressional sentiment appears overwhelmingly favourable.

The Roosevelt message disorganised the silver advocates. Some regarded it as favourable to a greater use of silver in the monetary structure, while others, disappointed by the decision, await the results of the present international domestic policies before embarking on new rehabilitation moves.

Senator Wheeler has announced that he intends to press his Bill. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

FURTHER SILVER COINAGE LIKELY

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt will undoubtedly favour further silver coinage, plus the acquiring of further silver for Treasury reserves, declared Senator Scruggs, yesterday.
He said that he did not expect any immediate action in the silver situation, but he believes that the price will remain at 64.5 cents.

He said that industry had already been stimulated due to this price. — United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

FARM BOND BILL PASSED.

Government Responsible
For \$2,000,000,000 Loans.

Washington, To-day.
The House of Representatives has passed the Farm Bond Bill, amending the Farm Credit Act of 1923, which makes the Government responsible for the principal as well as the interest on the authorised issue of U.S. \$2,000,000,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of advancing farm mortgages. — Reuter.

GOLD SHARES RISE IN LONDON.

Effect Of Roosevelt
Pronouncement.

London, To-day.
American currency developments were much discussed on London Stock Markets yesterday, and the tone, in most departments, was somewhat hesitant. Gold mining shares were the exception, and rose sharply early in the day with gold increasing 3/3d. to 131/8d. per fine ounce.

Considerable profit-taking at the close mainly accounted for the sharp reaction, and several leading shares finished the day unaltered.
British Government stocks closed dull with warloan, 8 1/2 per cent, down 3/16 at 101 7/16. Internationals finished under their best.

City opinion regarding President Roosevelt's message to Congress recognises that the measure announced is immediately directed at the American internal situation, and that time will be required to assess its wider repercussions. — British Wireless Service.

"GERMANY STILL HANDICAPPED."

Currency Situation
Unchanged.

Berlin, To-day.
German bankers and exporters are of the opinion that President Roosevelt's manifesto does not change the situation in Germany.
They point out that as long as the pound sterling is not definitely stabilised, world currency uncertainty must continue.

Moreover, if the dollar is to be stabilised at a basis of 50 to 60 per cent. of its gold value, exporters will be unable to calculate profits exactly, so that German exports will remain adversely hampered at present. — Reuter.

12,000 HOUSES COLLAPSE IN INDIA 'QUAKE

DEATH-ROLL NOW
OVER 100.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE REPORTED

Calcutta, To-day.
The latest Indian earthquake reports indicate that between 100 and 500 have been killed or injured throughout India. Twelve thousand houses have collapsed or are badly damaged. Damage to property amounts to \$750,000.
It has been established that the centre and origin of the disturbances lay between the Ganges Valley and the Nepal foothills. — Reuter.

FURTHER HAVOC

London, To-day.
Press messages, yesterday, from different parts of India, report that the number of lives lost in Monday's earthquake was over 100.
The damage done at Patna and Jamalpur was more extensive than at first reported, and it is stated that many houses collapsed at Darjeeling, causing several deaths.
The earthquake which was the most general since 1897, extended over an area from Gujerat in the west to east Bengal and from the Madras Presidency to the Himalayas. — British Wireless Service.

STREETS STREWN WITH CORPSES.

Calcutta, To-day.
Hundreds have been killed at Muzaffarpur, a Northern Bihar town, which was reduced to ruins by the India earthquake, according to reports from Patna.
The streets are strewn with corpses, and communications are cut off. — Reuter.

PRINCE GEORGE FOR AUSTRALIA

Second Dominion Tour
Within A Year.

London, To-day.
It is announced that Prince George will visit Australia next Autumn, shortly after his return from South Africa, for which he leaves on January 19.
The occasion of the Prince's visit is the centenary celebrations of the State of Victoria. It is expected that His Royal Highness will be away for six months. He will sail on September 30. — Reuter.

FIVE JAPANESE ARRESTED

Photographing Bridges
In New Jersey.

RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING

New York, To-day.
With scare headlines on their front pages, the "Tabloid" newspapers to-day announced the arrest of five Japanese at Kearny, New Jersey, who were found photographing bridges at Hackensack Meadows, New Jersey.
It is learned, however, that the Japanese were released after several hours' questioning, upon the intervention of the Japanese Vice-Consul.
The authorities are investigating the question of the legality of their entry into the United States. — Reuter.



Commissioner Henry Hopp, Chief of the Staff of the Salvation Army, who has left England on a four-months tour to the Salvation Army's headquarters in the Far East.

GREAT WALL AS BORDER OF MANCHUKUO

Japanese Attack At
Lungmensu.

1,000 TROOPS CAPTURED AND
CLAIM VILLAGE

Peking, To-day.
A serious incident occurred in the province of Chahar, yesterday, when, according to official reports, a force of combined Japanese and Manchukuo troops more than 1,000 strong attacked the Chinese garrison in a village outside Lungmensu, the Great Wall pass.

The attacking force, which advanced from Hsifengchah, occupied the village on the ground that it belongs to Manchukuo. They also contend that the Great Wall represents the border of Manchukuo in Chahar as well as in Hopei.
The Chinese garrison commander in the Chihcheng area is seeking instructions from Peking to deal with the situation. — Reuter's Pacific Service.

"CHANGE OF TITLE."

"The Time's" Comments
On Pu Yi Coronation.

London, To-day.
Outside of Manchukuo, the enthronement of the Manchu King is unlikely to modify public opinion in favour of the Japanese policy, declares *The Times* expressing its opinion on the forthcoming coronation of Mr. Henry Pu Yi in a leading article, to-day.

The newspaper asserts that the European and American opinion will require more evidence than a mere change of title by the elevation of the chief executive to the throne.

The step will not make Manchukuo any less a client state of Japan, the paper states.
At Nanking and in South China this re-affirmation of the Japanese refusal to accept even the most shadow Chinese suzerainty over Manchukuo will hardly improve Japanese-Chinese relations. — Reuter.

Mr. S. Balfour being indisposed, Mr. C. E. Hawkins sat in the Central Police Court to-day in his place.

EUROPEAN NERVOUSNESS UNJUSTIFIED

ASSURING FRENCH
STATEMENT.

DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN
PEACE

Paris, To-day.
On the eve of his departure for Geneva, the French Foreign Minister, M. Paul Boncour, in an important speech to the French Senate, said that though Europe was faced with a redoubtable question-mark as the result of the German upheavals, the present difficulties justified neither nervousness nor anxiety.

He emphasised that France was not pursuing a policy of encircling Germany, but was endeavouring to unite the Powers and was determined to maintain peace.

All depended on Germany's participation.
He remarked that the Locarno Treaty was not worth less than the other old-fashioned Treaties. He favoured diplomatic exchange between the great Powers, but added that the last word must rest with the League.
If the Disarmament Conference failed, the main arguments would remain, but before that happened, France would have done everything to prevent it. — Reuter.

SIR JOHN SIMON LEAVES FOR GENEVA

London, To-day.
The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, will leave London this morning for Geneva where he expects to arrive to-morrow to attend the meeting of the League Council.
It is anticipated that the business before the Council will be completed by the week-end and that Sir John will probably return to England on Saturday. — British Wireless Service.

THE SAAR DISPUTE.

Germany Refuses
Geneva Invitation.

Berlin, To-day.
It is understood that Germany has refused the invitation of the Council of the League of Nations to attend its deliberations on the Saar territory question.
The German reply has been sent to Geneva and the text is not available here. — Reuter.

AUSTRIAN NAZIS GAOLED

"Illegal Activities"
Alleged.

TWO LEADERS SENTENCED

Vienna, To-day.
Herr Frauenfeld, the former Nazi Inspector in Austria, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Herr Schattenfroh, another Nazi leader, has been sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.
Both were charged with illegal Nazi activities.
Herr Frauenfeld was recently released from a concentration camp, and it is believed that his re-arrest was due to pressure brought on by the Chancellor, Dr. Engelbert Dollfuss, by the "Heimwehr." — Reuter.



The WOMAN'S Page



Hosiery Harmony

Must Be In Keeping With Costume.

AVOID TOO-LIGHT SHADES

It is highly important that your hosiery should harmonise with the rest of your costume.

Do you wear nude coloured hosiery? Do you wear light beige stockings with brown shoes? Do you favour those pinkish shades for hosiery so popular two years ago?

The present mode for dark costumes demands hosiery that harmonises completely. Nude shades certainly do not blend with black shoes. Beige does not appear correct with dark brown costume and slippers.



Avoid these too-light shades in hosiery. They have the faculty of making large limbs appear larger and thin limbs thinner. They are also guilty of breaking off the unity of a costume abruptly at the hem of the frock.

If black, brown and dark blue shoes are included in your present wardrobe, you will be fashion-wise if you select sheer gunmetal for the dark blue slippers, dust brown for the brown shoes and ultra-sheer black for black footwear.

NEXT CHANGE AT THE CENTRAL.



Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN
Shrimp Fritters
Beef Olives
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Raisin Orange Tartlets
DINNER
Fresh Green Pea Soup
Boiled Cod Steak
Melted Butter
String Beans
Chicken Cutlets with Spinach
Parmesan Puffs
Dried Apricot Jellies

Raisin Orange Tartlets
1 lb. short pastry, 2 oz. raisins, 1 1/2 dessertspoons flour, rind of 1 orange, 1 oz. desiccated coconut, 1/2 gill orange juice, 2 teaspoon sugar. A few almonds. Roll out the pastry. Stamp it into rounds and line 6 patty tins. Wash and stone the raisins and save a few for decoration. Cut the remainder into small pieces. Mix the flour and sugar together. Add the finely grated rind of the orange, and mix them to a smooth paste with the orange juice. Then stir in the raisins and coconut. Divide the mixture between the 6 pastry lined tins. Place them in the oven. They will take about 15 minutes to bake. When cool, decorate with a few blanched almonds and raisins.

Fresh Green Pea Soup
2 pints of shelled green peas, 1 oz. butter, a handful of mint, a cabbage, lettuce, 3 pints of water, 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt, 1 onion, 1 lump of sugar. Dissolve the butter in a large saucepan and place in the peas, the onion sliced the lettuce and mint thoroughly washed, the water, salt through a wire sieve rubbing the peas through with a wooden spoon.

Chicken Cutlets with Spinach
The leg of 3 chickens, stock, egg and breadcrumbs. Some dressed spinach. Brown sauce. Remove the thigh bone from the legs, leaving the drumstick. Put the legs into a stewpan and cover them with nicely flavoured stock, simmer until the legs are tender, then press them until cold. Trim them neatly, egg and breadcrumb them, and put in hot fat. Pile the spinach high in the middle of an entrée dish, and rest the cutlets round it. Brown sauce may be poured round or handed in a boat.

Parmesan Puffs
1/4 lb. flaky pastry, 1 teabspoon grated Parmesan cheese, 21 table-spoon grated Cheddar cheese, 2

eggs (separated), milk, seasoning. Roll out the pastry very thinly, stamp it into rounds and line some patty tins. Mix the cheese together, add seasoning and moisten them with the beaten egg yolk and just a little milk as required. Then whisk the egg whites to a stiff froth and fold it in lightly. Put a spoonful of the mixture into each pastry lined tin, and bake them in a hot oven until well puffed and golden. Serve Parmesan puffs hot or cold as preferred. This quantity makes 12 puffs.

Dried Apricot Jellies
6 leaves French gelatine, 1 1/4 pints hot water, 1/4 lb. dried apricots, 1/2 lb. sugar, 2 white of eggs, juice of 2 oranges. Wash the apricots, then drain them and put them through the mincer. Place them in a basin, add 1 pint of hot water and let them soak a few hours, then turn them into a saucepan. Add the sugar and cook the apricots gently till tender. Dissolve the gelatine in the remainder of the hot water and mix it with the stewed fruit. Add the orange juice, turn in a basin, stir well, leave till cold and beginning to set. Then whisk the egg white stiffly, and add it to the mixture. Whisky all together for a minute before turning the sweet into tall glasses. They may be decorated with whipped cream.

GLOVE FANTASIES

Attractive Shades And Materials.

SUEDE AND VELVET FOR EVENING WEAR

Never have women been so attracted by fantastic fashions in gloves. Gay and distinctive gloves, though expensive, are helpful, especially for girls, as they suggest variety.

Velvet gloves and examples in moire and plain silk, in black and many colours, seem to retain their popularity.

Evening Styles.
Organdie and lace gloves have been relegated to the evening. Coloured velvet gloves are comfortable, and wrinkle loosely up the arm in a way that makes the hands look far smaller. Mittens of lace, especially in black, look well with picture ball frocks.

Cream and the paler shades in exquisitely fitted long suede gloves will, however, appear with next year's evening fashion.

Some evening gloves are made of

fine black suede, with embroidered jewels in colours lightly dusted on to backs and hems.

Loose Gloves For Day.
The glove problem for day wear is equally interesting. Loose hosiery and coarsely knitted silk in certain shades are smart and cosy, so are heavy chamois and wash-leather in yellow and white. All-day gloves should be cut on the loose side for smartness as well as comfort.

There are many novel effects in woollen gloves. Every colour is used in decorative gauntlets, some of which have leather palms. The easily washed variety is practical.



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"VELVET SAUVAGE" NEGLIGEE

Conservative Styles Continue.

Fashions may come and fashions may go, but conservative, elegant and well designed and beautifully fitting styles go on forever! Paris courtiers admit that they make collections to startle the world—and then make special models for their discriminating clients which are nothing very new or startling, but what the women who have all the money they wish to spend, wear.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, for instance, has just ordered from Molyneux a negligee and a simple black ottoman dress in the smaller picture. The negligee is the new type of velvet called "velours sauvage" and is in pale pink, over lace. Negligee is a tea gown, you know. And the dress is a picture of simplicity and elegance.

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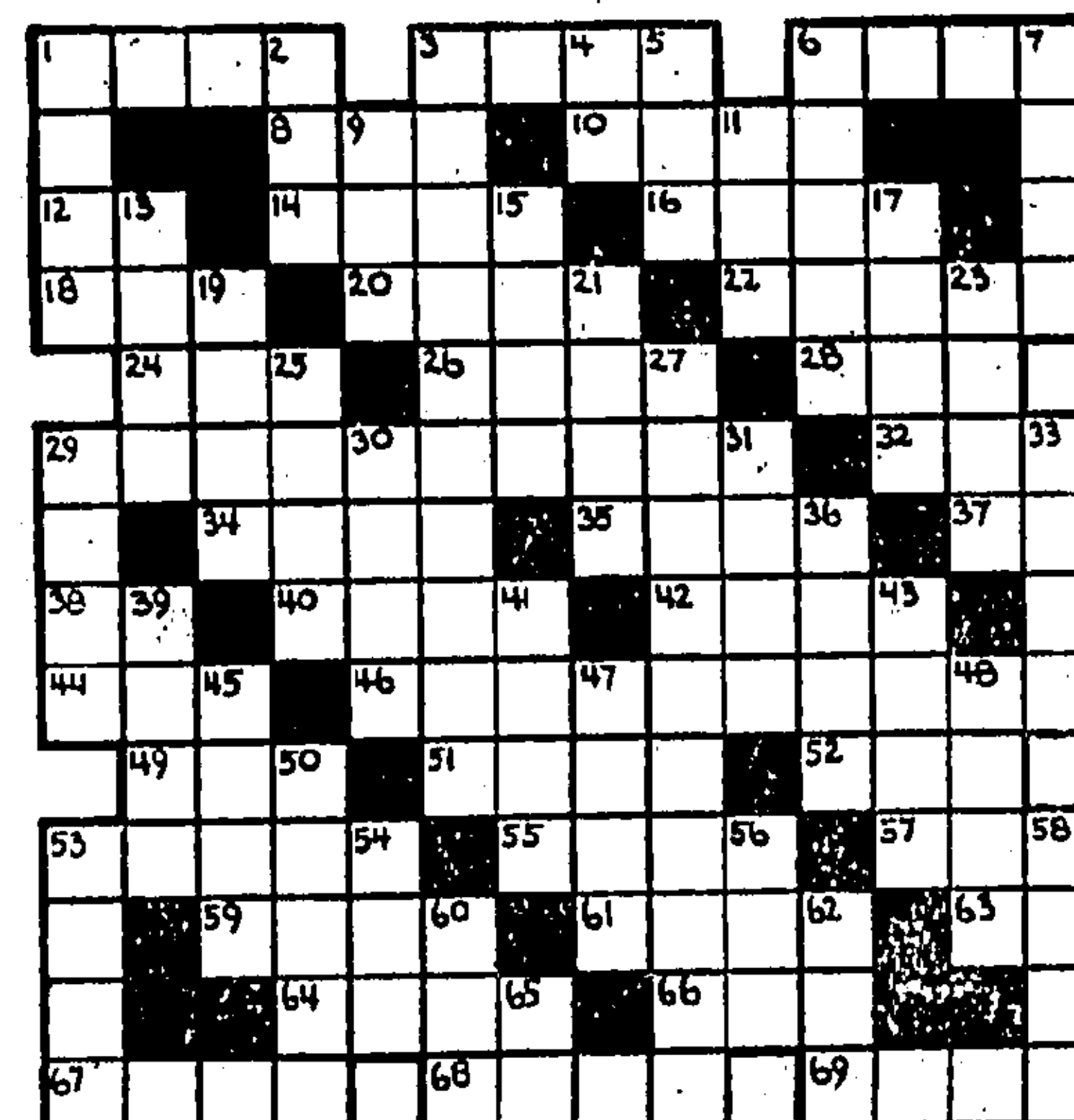
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and althe.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Waste
- 3-Aquatic mammal
- 6-Prolonged sound of a
- 8-Skill
- 10-Large volume
- 12-Part of verb "to be"
- 14-Binary
- 16-Span
- 18-Favorite
- 20-Sand forth
- 22-Trudge
- 24-Exclamation
- 26-A planet
- 28-Cravat
- 29-Reeling
- 32-Pounce upon
- 34-Uss
- 36-Grain artificially germinated
- 37-Negative
- 38-Railroad (abbr.)
- 40-Day (Lat.)
- 42-Undertied
- 44-Aye
- 46-Mechanism rotated by walking (pl.)
- 48-At this time
- 51-Move

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-Work, as at a trade
- 53-Tempest
- 55-Kind of cheese
- 57-Put
- 58-A river-duck
- 61-Exclamation
- 63-Thus
- 64-Presently
- 66-Pom
- 67-Whip (slang)
- 68-Estrange from former habits
- 69-Small bird

VERTICAL

- 1-Jump
- 2-Mountful
- 3-Hailing speakers
- 4-By
- 5-Piece of ground
- 6-Bodily organ
- 7-Liquid food
- 8-To grieve
- 11-Encountered
- 13-Flesh
- 15-Prevaricator
- 17-Principal
- 19-Melt

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-Nest
- 23-Slangy
- 25-Old
- 27-A flower
- 29-Agile
- 30-Pace
- 31-Morose
- 33-Command (slang)
- 35-Stumble
- 39-To let
- 41-Measure
- 43-Old measure of length (pl.)
- 45-Smoke dust
- 47-Auxiliary officer (Mil.)
- 48-Solution, made from ashes (pl.)
- 50-To inflict
- 53-Foundations member (Arch.)
- 54-A male
- 56-Innate
- 58-Rent
- 60-Sue
- 62-Early morning moisture
- 65-Point of compass (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

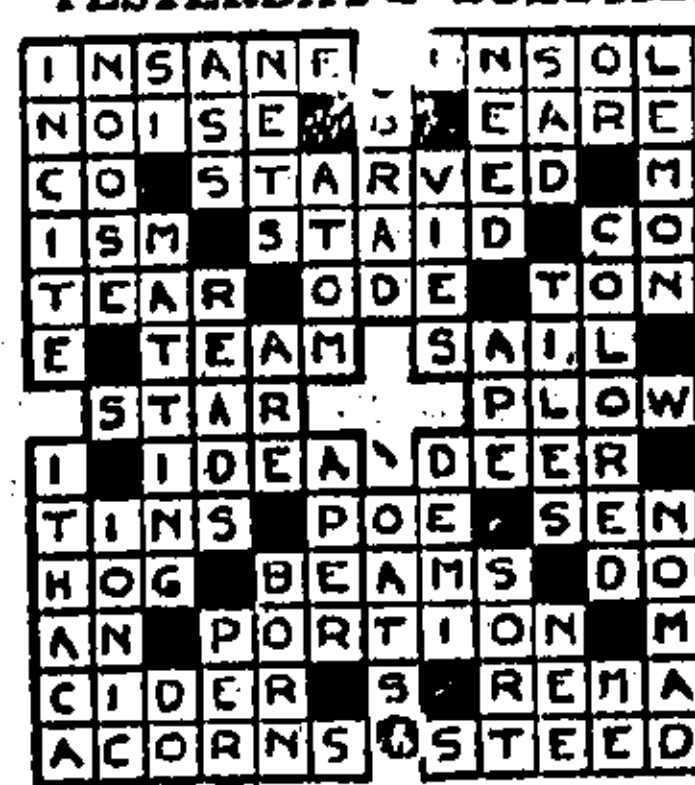
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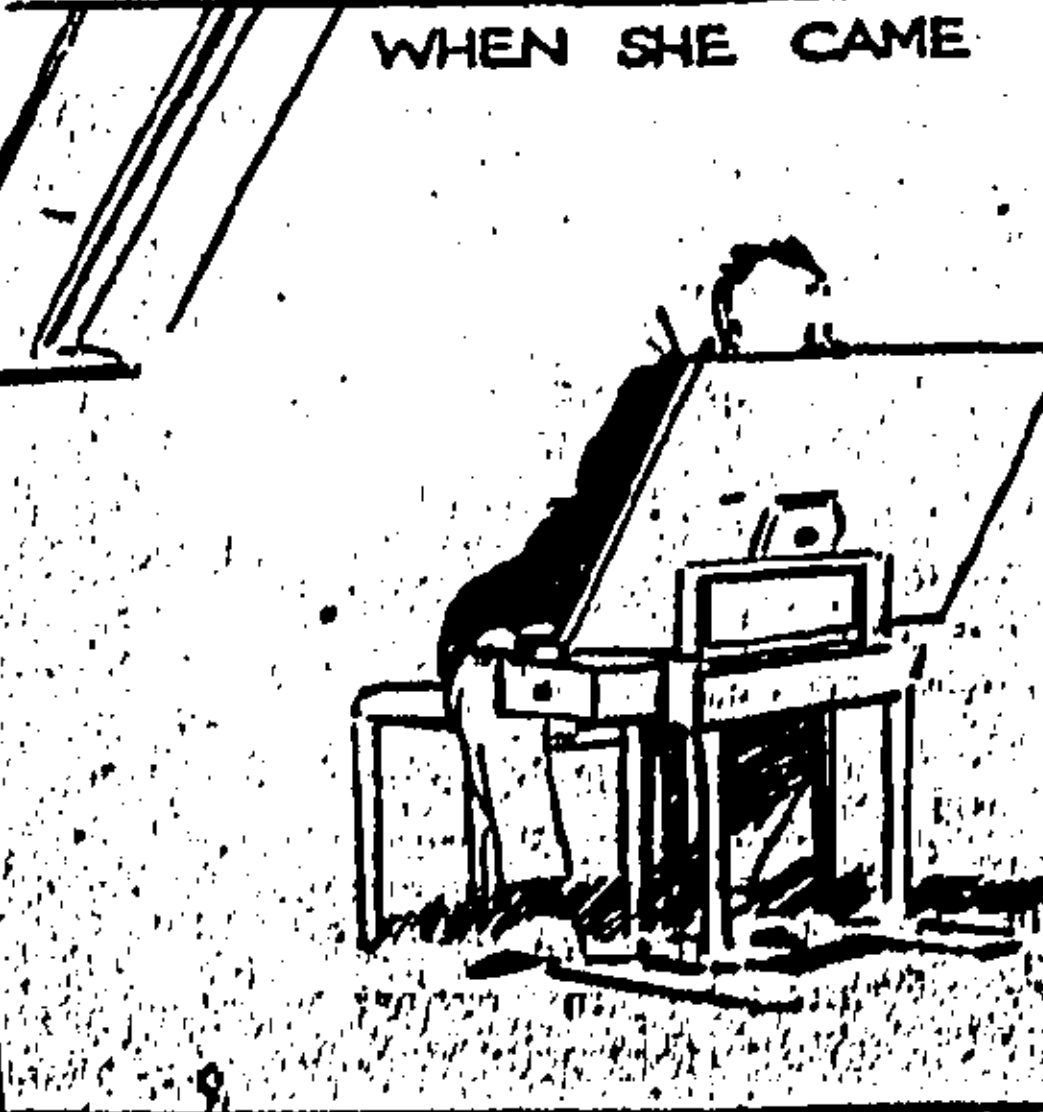
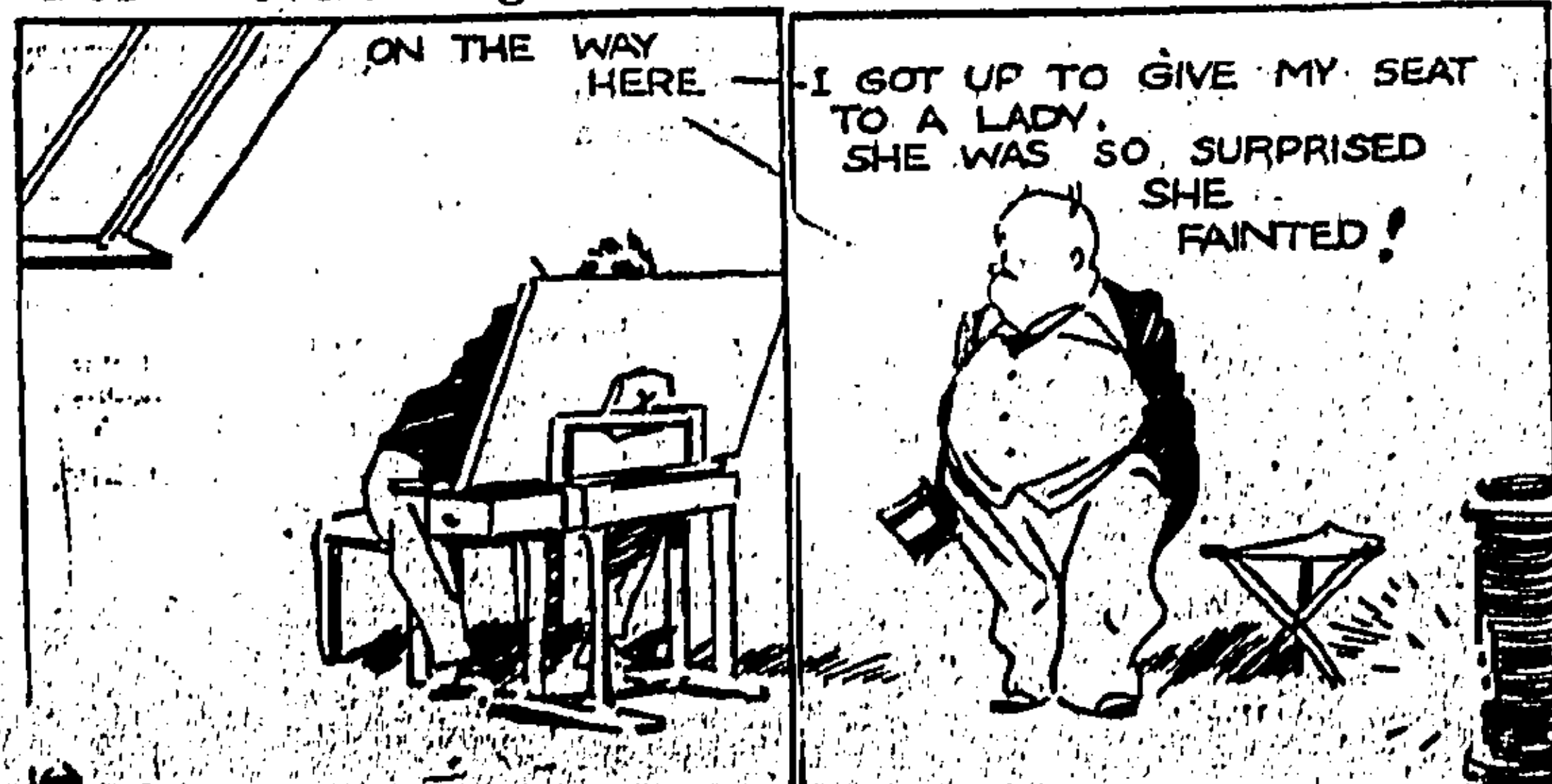
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BRIDGE NOTES

CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY ANCHORITE

XXXVIII

(This series of articles is based on Culbertson's system of bidding).
(Continued)

SLAMS

Selection of Trump Suit.
The most scientific approach to a slam bid is the selection of the best trump bid. It is even of greater importance to select an adequate trump suit in approaching a slam than with game bids, and great caution should be taken in reading the trump inferences. Culbertson's system of 1933 contains various bidding methods for the best selection for a suitable trump suit, and the following conventions have been developed to strengthen trump inferences.

Jump Trump Rebid

In order to show a six-card or longer suit containing not more than one loser, a jump rebid in the same suit is made. For instance:
South North
1 Heart 2 Spades
4 Hearts

This jump rebid by South does not necessarily indicate any additional honour values, but it does indicate a nearly solid trump suit. If the bid is three hearts over the two spade bid, it is equally a rebid, but shows merely a fair six card suit, or even a strong five card suit. The jump rebid should only be used for six card or longer suits containing not more than one loser. This conventional bid is generally used after an opening bid of one, when responding hand has shown strength by a forcing bid (with 3½ honour tricks), and is an encouragement to approach a slam with this long and powerful trump suit.

Structure of Cards

Top cards are the indispensable stoppers and re-entries. On the other hand it would be a great mistake to state that slam bidding or even Contract is a question of Aces or Kings; Queens, Knaves, various "plus" values and even tens are almost equally important. Of greater importance, however, are establishable long suits, singletons and voids, when dominated by the combined trumps. Honour values represent the quality, while low cards represent the quantity factor.

Except in very rare cases, honour values alone are not sufficient in developing slams. Hardly any slam, or even any game, can be made without the assistance of low cards. It is therefore obvious that a successful slam bid must be based equally on honour and distributional (low card) values. The great danger of grand slam bids on distributions as 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2, however well stocked with honours, is that the thirteenth trick is not available for lack of long suit values. On the other hand, slam bids, when based on playing tricks only, would fail as the combined hands may total up to sixteen winners, but actually two Aces might be held by opponents, which are naturally of greater importance.

The method is therefore to draw exact inferences regarding honour values and to locate scientifically all the Aces and sometimes Kings, by the Four-Five No-trump convention, but at the same time to keep in mind the tremendous importance of distributional values.

Slam Inferences

There are two conditions which are necessary before the possibility of a slam bid can be considered.

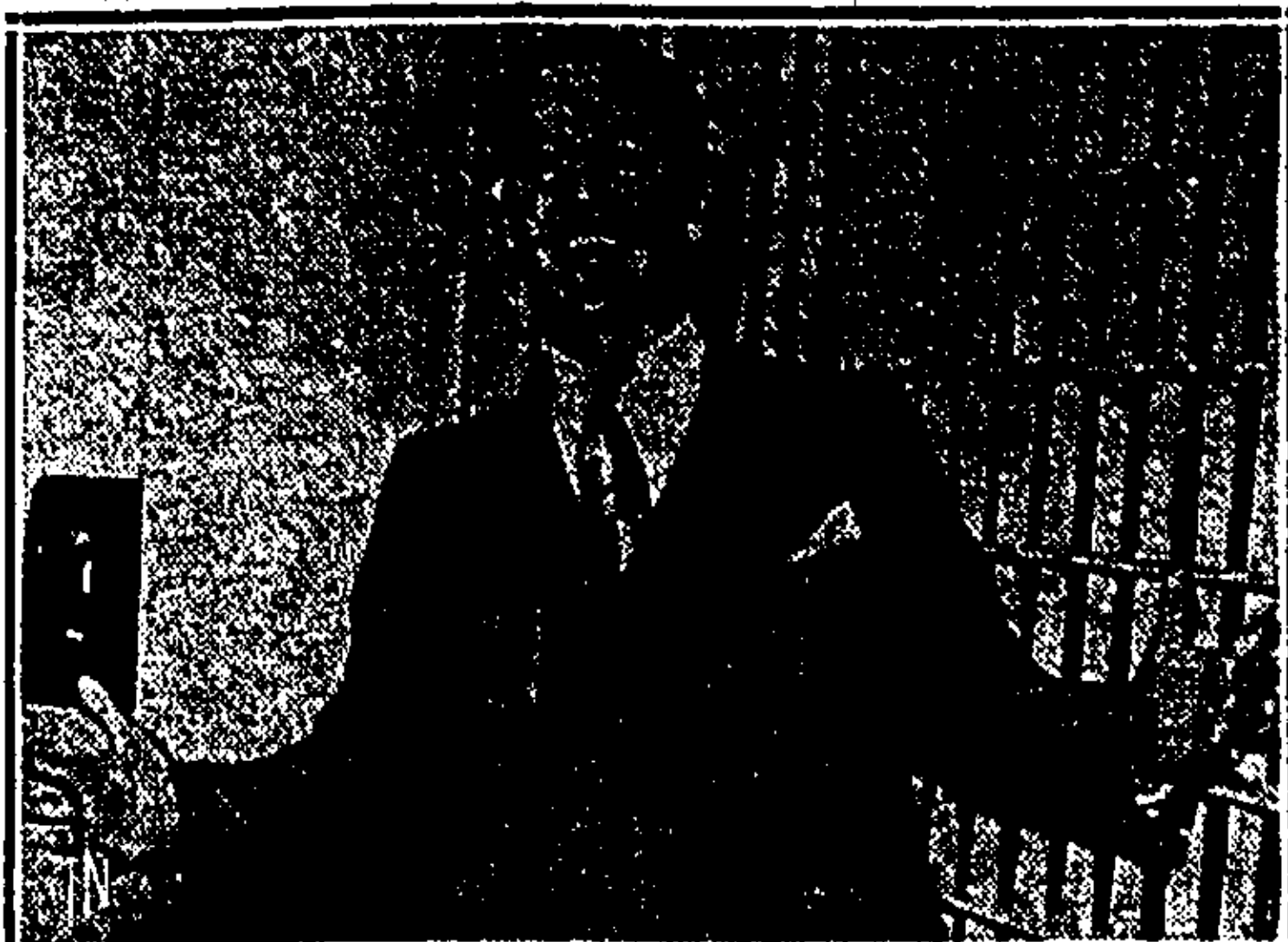
1. That the combined hands must hold favourable distribution—an adequate trump suit, length in some other suit, and usually a short suit.

2. That the combined hands must contain about 6½ honour tricks.

These 6½ honour tricks, however, are only as a general rule, and will vary according to partnership hands. A slam can even be reached with 6 honour tricks or less, when tricks could be made due to absent suits. Holding the 6½ honour tricks, however, a player immediately considers the possibility for slam, and with this end in view proceeds to explore further the distributional and additional honour possibilities of partnership.

His partner's bid has enabled him to determine that the combined hands contain 6½ honour tricks. His next step is now to find from

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1-2.15 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
1.3 p.m.—Recorded music.
1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room by courtesy of the Management. (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcasted from the Studio).
1.40 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
A B.B.C. Programme To-night.
Two Studio Items.
4.30-5.30 p.m.—Chinese programme.
5.30-6 p.m.—A relay from Daventry of the Elizabethan Music Programme.
6-6.15 p.m.—Chinese Children's Studio Concert.
6.15-7.30 p.m.—Chinese recorded music.
7.30-10.30 p.m.—European programme.
7.30-8 p.m.—Orchestral.
Finlay's Overture (Mendelssohn)
St. Louis Symphony Orch.
Tone-Poem "Finlandia"—Op. 26, No. 7 (Sibelius)
Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 in F (Liszt-Doppler)
London Symphony Orch. conducted by Albert Coates.
Coppelia Ballet—Dance of the Automata and Waltz (Delibes)
San Francisco Symphony Orch. conducted by Alfred Hertz.
8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
8.3-9.3 p.m.—A B.B.C. Programme.
"Songs from the Shows"
A Programme of Tunes from English Musical Comedies, arranged and produced in the London studios of the British Broadcasting Corporation by John Watt.
Cast
Anona Winn
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Reginald Purdell.
George Baker.
The B.B.C. Revue Chorus & the Orch. conducted by Leslie Woodgate.
9.3-9.15 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Playlet by The Radio Voices.
9.15-9.30 p.m.—Selections by the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.
Tragic Overture, Op. 81 (Brahms)
Hungarian Dances (Brahms, arr. Dvorak)
9.30-10 p.m.—From the Studio.
Selections by The Music Makers.
10-10.30 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.
"White Horse Inn"
New Mayfair Orchestra.
He Wanted Adventure
New Mayfair Orchestra.
Music in the Air
New Mayfair Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

partner's responses if he holds any additional values, and at the same time he must try to convey similar information to his partner.

The two distinct steps leading to the slam zone are therefore:

1. That the player determine from the opening bid and responses the distribution and honour strength of the combined hands.

2. That the player obtains and conveys during subsequent bidding added information as to the "distribution and rebid values of partnership hands."

Rule of Eight

The rule of eight is merely a rough and ready method of determining the approximate slam possibilities. Count the number of honour tricks shown by partner's bid; add the total of honour tricks held in one's own hand, and subtract from 8-8½. The balance, if any, will indicate the possible tricks which can be made by opponents.

This rule, however, must be supplemented and often even replaced by plastic valuation, by which possible losing tricks are gradually eliminated through the added values shown by partner's responses.

PRINCE TOKUGAWA IN PARIS

Organising Red Cross Conference.

TOKYO MEETING THIS YEAR

Paris.
The work of the Red Cross among the peoples in time of peace was dwelt upon by Prince Tokugawa, President of the Japanese Red Cross, in a talk with members of the press here. Prince Tokugawa is now in Europe in connection with the organisation of the XVth. International Red Cross Conference, which is to be held this year in Tokyo.

The Red Cross in Japan, he said, was a very vigorous and active body, and the membership of the Junior Red Cross section alone approached two millions.

"I am glad to think," he said, "that public opinion in my country strongly echoes the hope of the Japanese Red Cross that the International Conference in Tokyo may make a real contribution not only to the development of the Red Cross movement throughout the world, but also to the cause better understanding and enhanced co-operation between all peoples in that humanitarian work which lends itself, perhaps better than any other, to close and friendly international co-operation."—Reuter.

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German Birth-Rate Falling

1933 Figures Lowest In Europe.

MORTALITY INCREASE

Cologne.
Germany's falling birth-rate is causing great concern to the authorities.

According to a report issued by the medical officer here, fewer children have been born in Ger-

many this year than in any other European country. In Berlin the number born was less than the number of marriages.

In 1901 births numbered 2,032,000 in 1931 they came to 1,032,000 but in 1932 only 976,000 living children were born.

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FINAL INTERPORT SOCCER TRIAL FIXED FOR THIS AFTERNOON

SENIOR F. A. SHIELD FIXED FOR SATURDAY

Borderers and Saints For Last Four

CLUB MAY SURPRISE LINCOLNS

Navy Should Win Day In Encounter With Athletic.

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

THE SECOND ROUND OF THE SENIOR SHIELD KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION TAKES PLACE ON SATURDAY WHEN FOUR GAMES WILL FEATURE THE FOOTBALL PROGRAMME.

The Borderers, who made a strong comeback by sensationally defeating the Lincolns last Saturday by 4 goals to 1, entered the second round by defeating the East Lanes in a very poor game. They meet Kowloon at Sookunpoo, and should experience little difficulty in entering the Semi-Final.

The Police, who were lucky to beat the Artillery last Saturday by the only goal, meet St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill where they are not expected to survive the day.

The Saints have now definitely shown a superiority to other teams by manner of their consistent form and should turn Saturday's encounter to their account.

The Lincolns, who meet the Club at the Valley, are making several changes in defence. Steans, the Second team full-back will probably displace Roden the left back, and Turner will probably make a re-appearance after an enforced absence of about a month owing to an injured knee.

Senior Shield Results

The following were the First Round Results in the Senior Shield Knock-Out Competition played during last week:

January 10—

Borderers 3 East Lanes 0

January 13—

Police 1 Artillery 0

I understand Turner is having a try-out to-day to see if the effect of kicking a ball makes any difference to his knee.

The Club are still experimenting with their team, and the inclusion of Dornay at right-half, thereby causing Hynes to move to his original position at right-back has so far had little effect on the team.

The weakness seems to lie at forward, and, although Hill has lately been brought into the inside-right position, his understanding with Fowler is still very shaky.

The Lincolns are expected to win, although the Club may possibly spring a surprise now that the Lincolns are fielding a depleted team.

The Navy, although they have lost a number of their best men, are still able to field a fairly strong side, and should enter the Semi-Final at the expense of the Athletic whom they meet in Kowloon.

The Athletic have so far produced fluctuating form and have failed to maintain the form they displayed at the beginning of the season when they were thought to be serious challengers for the League.

The following is my forecast of Saturday's matches:

Saturday.

SENIOR SHIELD

NAVY v Athletic (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)

Club v Lincolns (Club, 4 p.m.)

ST. JOSEPH'S v Police (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

BORDERERS v Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

SOUTH CHINA v Recreation (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

NAVY v Lincolns (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

POLICE v Artillery (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Club v Borderers (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Sunday.

FIRST DIVISION

SOUTH CHINA v Artillery (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

Can Lincolns Beat The Holders?

Interesting Junior Shield Encounter

POLICE SHOULD BEAT ARTILLERY

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

EIGHT Clubs will clash for honours in the Junior Shield Knock-Out Competition, the Second Round of which will be played off on Saturday.

THE Navy, last year's winners and again favourites, meet the Lincolns at Kowloon in what should be one of the best games of the day.

THE Navy entered the Second Round with a convincing win over the Athletic by four clear goals, while the Lincolns were lucky to scrape through by an only goal against Kowloon. THE Lincolns have, however, shown a striking return to form by their smashing League win over the Athletic last Saturday by 8 goals to 2, and may surprise the Navy.

The latter are lucky in having the Medway and the Cumberland in port from which to select their players, and should field as strong a team as has been seen this season.

The Police, who are making their debut this season in the Junior Shield, are up against the Artillery who created a minor sensation in the First Round with a very good win over South China "A".

With the talent available, however, the Police should stand a good chance of entering the Semi-Final.

The Artillery's win, was just a flash in the pan and I do not think it will be repeated on Saturday against the fairly strong Police eleven.

INTER-SCHOOL SOCCER

K.F.C. Donate Cup For Annual Game.

INAUGURATION OF LEAGUE URGED

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

A very handsome trophy has been donated by the former Presidents and present members of the Kowloon Football Club for annual competition between combined teams from Hong Kong schools and Kowloon schools, the first game of which was played on New Year's day this year and which was won by the Hong Kong schools by 4 goals to 2.

Efforts have been made in the past to inaugurate an inter-school football league without, however, much success, and this attempt, judging from the success of the New Year's Day game, is expected to act as an impetus to the former objective.

The main idea behind the event is to teach the youngsters to play the game while they are young and to check any mistakes they may make while at this stage of their football careers.

Singapore with its venacular and English schools run two leagues, the Junior and Senior League.

The Junior League is confined to schoolboys from Preparatory to Middle school, while the Senior League is for Middle School and Seniors.

It is surprising that with the great number of Government and other schools in the Colony there are so few inter-school games, and the example of the K.F.C. should be followed by others.

Can the Lincolns' third string win their last four remaining games to win the League Championship with a 100 per cent record? Clark, the centre forward, may also create a League goal-scoring record that will stand for many years. He has already found the net on 28 occasions. He leaves for Home on the Neurals next month.



ONCE a leading goal-scorer at inside-left for the Borderers, Jones is making a big impression at left-half this season. He is playing in the Interport Trial to-day.

Turner May Play Again In Senior Shield

Edminson Receives Ankle Injury.

EVANS MAY DISPLACE HIGGINS AS LINCOLNS' CENTRE

(By IMP)

Turner, the Lincolns' right-back who received a knee injury some weeks ago, is, I understand, hoping to return to the side for the Senior Shield game against the Club this week-end.

Edminson, who has deputised for him, is suffering from an ankle injury, and is not likely to be fit.

I also hear rumours of a drastic change in the forward line with the name of Evans mentioned as a substitute for Higgins.

S. CHINA TO MEET ARTILLERY.

Should Win Return Encounter.

ALL POINTS NOW REQUIRED

South China, who were sensationally defeated by the Artillery in a First Division League encounter last Sunday, meet their victors again this Sunday in the return encounter.

This game was originally fixed for October 16, but was postponed owing to South China's visit to the National Camp at Nanking on October 10 of last year.

Last week's failure was a costly one for South China, and on Sunday there should be no mistaking the result as the champions cannot afford to drop another point if they are to retain the championship.

SOCCER PERSONALITIES

GIVEN a trial for Newcastle United in 1927, "Dick" Ridley, the Lincolns' brilliant inside-left, is an almost certain choice for that position in the Colony Interport team to visit Shanghai next month.

Born in 1907 he commenced his soccer career in school football matches. He is now in his fifth season with the Lincolns for whom he has played since he first joined the Battalion. Though having scored only eight goals this season in the League, he is undoubtedly the "brains" of the leaders' attack, his brilliant footwork and clever passing being a feature of his game.

He was selected for the Army team in Gibraltar, and again in Shanghai, stepping in for the Interport Trial in the latter city.

During the past year in the Colony he has played regularly for the Army and the United Services, and this afternoon he will be playing in his fourth Hong Kong Interport Trial. When the Lincolns first arrived in Hong Kong, he was the Battalion team's

HOCQUARD CAN NOW GO NORTH

BICKFORD'S CLAIMS ARE CONSIDERED BETTER

HOWE UNABLE TO SECURE LEAVE

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

THE final Trial before selecting the Interport Football team to meet Shanghai at the latter port during the Chinese New Year holidays will take place this afternoon on the Club ground, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

It is earnestly hoped that better football than that which prevailed during the first two trials will be seen and so facilitate the Selections.

TWO excellent teams have been nominated for the Trial, and it is not unlikely that the majority of whites' players will be in the Probables eleven. They certainly have a strong appearance, from goal to forward, and a big strain seems likely to be placed on the Colours' defence.

The Military, as usual, have a big attacks before they reach Strange and Pile, the Civilian backs, will have to be in good shape to stop Howe, Ridley and Hocquard, Elliott and Tang Kwong-sum being the weak link in the Whites' team.

Skinner, Pardoe and Jones, however, make a good intermediate line and may possibly break up Whites' attack.

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The return of A. V. Gosano to the attack is very significant and points to the Selections being unable to find a leader now that Howe has definitely stated his inability to make the trip North.

E. Strange and Bickford have shown up badly as a partnership in the trials, and, with the exception of the Lai Wah Cup game against the Chinese, have nothing to justify their inclusion in the Interport side.

Bickford is consistently good, and, though many would like to see "Ernie" Strange partner him, it is quite probable that Ridley will fill the position.

Hocquard Changes Mind. I understand that Hocquard, after refusing the captaincy of the Interport team, has now offered his services.

This will undoubtedly present a new problem for the Interport Selection committee now that S. Strange is a possible skipper the side, having been vice-captain in November last.

Hocquard has up to the present not justified his inclusion in the Interport side, although he has given one good display in the trials.

Bickford has been consistently good, and, although he failed with Strange in the first trial, he played well with the Lincolns' inside left in the last one.

Of the two I would select Bickford, for in addition to his display on the wing he is a good tackler and makes good use of the ball when in possession.

The idea of playing the probable Interport forward line against what will probably be the Colony defence is a sound one, and will give us an indication of any weakness which are bound to become apparent.

The following are the teams: Whites—Pau Ka-ping; Allan, Morrison; Beltrio, Cork, Leung Wing-chai; Tang Kwong-sum, Elliott, Howe, Ridley and L. Hocquard.

Blues—McCarthy, S. Strange, C. Pile, Skinner, Pardoe, Jones, B. Gosano, Tang Kwong-pak, A. V. Gosano, E. Strange and Bickford.

Reserves—Blackburn, Cord, Tay, Que-lung, Leonard, Shepherd.

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ROBERTSON UNABLE TO PLAY AGAINST AUSTRALIANS

Griffiths To Partner Lammert

It is understood that L. G. Robertson, the Club centre three-quarter, will be unable to take his place in the Colony fifteen to meet the Australians tomorrow, owing to water on the knee, and that he will be replaced by R. H. Griffiths.

The Colony side is as follows: J. P. Whitham (Club); J. J. Ferguson (Club); Lt. Martin (S.W.B.); R. H. Griffiths (Club); G. P. Lammert (Club); M. W. Turner (Club); Lt. Forbes (Navy) (Capt.); Comdr. Roome (Navy); Ldg. Cook Pascoe (Navy); Lt. Linton (Navy); L. H. Bradford (Club); Lt. Herbert (Navy); Lt. Brown (Navy); Lt. Whitfield (Navy); and E. A. Hammett (Navy).

Reserves—Lt. Buckley (Navy); Pte. Lloyd (S.W.B.) and D. McLellan (Club). Referee—Dr. J. A. R. Selby (Club).

SOCCER MARKSMEN

Leonard Challenges Athletic Star.

CLARK TOTALS 33

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

THE following is a complete League goal-scoring list to date, the qualification being four goals.

FIRST DIVISION.

Ho Ka Keung (Athletic)	12
Leonard (St. Joseph's)	10
Wong Mei Shun (S. China)	9
Tam Kong Pak (S. China)	9
Fowler (Club)	8
Howe (Club)	8
Ridley (Lincolns)	8
Higgins (Lincolns)	8
B. Gosano (St. Joseph's)	8
Langueed (Navy)	8
Hazlewood (Borderers)	8
Green (Police)	7
Forley (Borderers)	7
McGuinness (Lincolns)	7
Pau Ka Ping (S. China)	6
Ang Ping Ming (Athletic)	6
Ward (St. Joseph's)	6
Smith (Navy)	6
L. Harris (Borderers)	6
Jones (Borderers)	6
Elliott (Kowloon)	5
E. Strange (Club)	5
Timberlake (Kowloon)	5
Au Kim Fung (Athletic)	4
Stevens (Police)	4
Gomes (Esplanade)	4

SECOND DIVISION.

McNeil (Navy)	12
Duncan (Club)	12
Morris (Borderers)	10
Forley (Borderers)	9
Tate (Lincolns)	7
Herbert (Borderers)	7
Chappelle (Navy)	7
Ng Po Koi (S. China)	6
Hamed (Y. Indians)	6
Marshall (Borderers)	6
Ellsworth (Navy)	5
Lai Sul Wing (S. China)	5
Setters (Lincolns)	5
Barnett (Navy)	5
A. M. Omar (Y. Indians)	5
Clayton (Lincolns)	5
Bell (Club)	4
Fairless (Navy)	4
McGuinness (Lincolns)	4

THIRD DIVISION.

Clark (Lincolns)	38
Parcell (Borderers)	15
Nelson (Borderers)	15
Morgan (Borderers)	13
Campos (Esplanade)	10
Poole (K.A.M.C.)	10
Harper (Lincolns)	8
To Wat Hing (S. China)	8
Dudley (Lincolns)	6
Matthews (Lincolns)	5
Gregory (R.A.F.)	5
King (R.A.M.C.)	4
Waters (Lincolns)	4

ALBERT HOWE, the Club

centre-forward who scored the winning goal for George Rodgers' team in Shanghai last year, is unable to secure leave to make the same trip next month. He is a player always open at his best on the "big" occasions.



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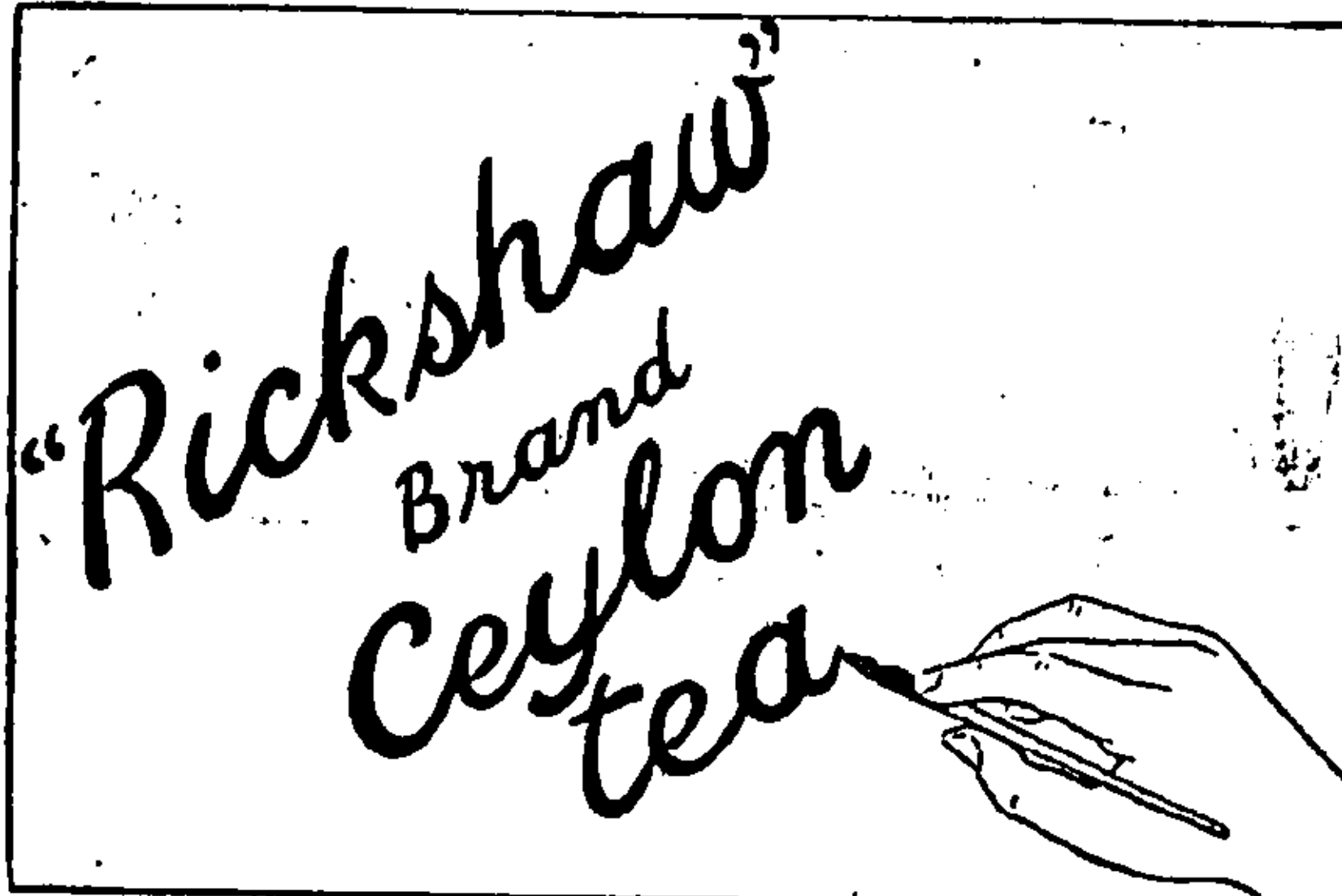
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British Aviation.

The recent commercial aviation conference at the Mansion House will mark, in all likelihood, the opening of a new chapter in the development of inland air-transport in Britain. It was held at a moment when the springs of business enterprise in every form are beginning to flow more freely after the long drought of the depression. This was the opportunity for renewing with all possible vigour the movement for an adequate provision of municipal airports and aerodromes in Great Britain; and that opportunity was improved to the utmost by the Prince of Wales making it the occasion of one of the most forcible of his many appeals for practical action in a national interest. There has been already during the past year, as his Royal Highness remarked, an important development of regular commercial flying in Great Britain; but when it is stated that this extends to the operation of no more than a dozen air-routes in all, as against three in the preceding year, it is clear that nothing in the nature of a general realisation of the urgency of this need exists as yet. In the days when inland flying services were establishing themselves in popular favour in every great country but Britain, it used to be argued that the shortness of distances in England put flying outside the class of real "utility" transport. Many thousands of travellers since then — most prominent among them the Prince himself — have shown by their regular practice that in a busy life, with the modern development of aircraft, inland air transport is a strictly business proposition wherever it is practicable. The possession of one's own aeroplane, and the making, perhaps, of private arrangements for descent near one's objective, are one thing. The operating of regular public services, with their indispensable basis of a proper system of airports of less extensive landing-places, is another thing. It was with the provision of that basis that the proceedings were concerned; and the argument for municipal action in this matter has never hitherto been urged with such a weight of practical experience as has been gathered in recent years. Two points stand out prominently among the business considerations that were urged at the Mansion House meeting. One of them is that the time for acquiring the needed land is now. As the Prince expressed it, "Every yard for an aerodrome near a town will be both dearer and harder to find."

It must, as he insisted, be near. No other centre could wish to find itself in the case of London, where it may take as long to drive from the airport to the City as to make the flight from Liverpool to the airport. Secondly the lack of inland flying services has led to the neglect in Britain of the design and manufacture of those types of high-speed civil aircraft that are being built elsewhere. This is a branch of engineering in which Great Britain is peculiarly fitted to excel. It ought to be the basis of an export trade as important, in time to come, as that of British motor-cars. As matters stand, the market for this type is supplied entirely by others. The fact is not to be forgotten among the more direct and immediate reasons for furthering the development of inland air services.

Measuring the Press.

New is the time for all newspapers to turn yellow, especially if, as but rarely happens, they have anything to conceal. For the eye of exact science is upon them. An article in *Journalism Quarterly*, which is published in Iowa, explains how the ethics of newspapers may be measured by means of socialisation-sensationalism scores. These scores, as their name suggests, measure the extent to which a newspaper minds about public affairs and similar happenings, as compared with the excitement it feels and imparts in the presence of private crime. Some attempts have been made to dispute this clear distinction, and to argue that no nice separation can in fact be made between politics and wrongdoing; but the sociologists are quite clear and confident about their categories, and they have invented a spectrum for measuring the reaction of the various American newspapers. The game is plainly up for those newspapers which thought they could be low grade and sensational without anybody finding out, and their only satisfaction will be that their rivals will show up just as badly in the light of the spectrum. The mere knowledge that earnest investigators are measuring their ethics will have a sobering effect, and it is a good thing that the method has been divulged. Among individuals a good deal of measuring of other people's ethics is done, but loses its full effect because the methods by which unfavourable verdicts have been reached do not smack sufficiently of the laboratory. They are reached by what philosophers call direct inspection, and they are the articulation of a general awareness. In other cases they may be something supplied by charts and curves to modern minds which believe most easily in things which can be measured and plotted. The charts of those who measure the virtues of newspapers consist of a straight line from which they project, like flags, a succession of squares and ovals representing both dearer and harder to find, horror, danger, fear, public violence,

**HERE, THERE
and
EVERYWHERE**

Under The Jewish Flag

The recent report that a Jewish schooner called the Emanuel had put into Southampton flying the Palestinian flag is incorrect. Palestine has no flag of its own. What the Emanuel was flying was the Zionist flag. It is the traditional flag of the Jewish race from time immemorial, but is not officially recognised at sea. The top half of the flag is light blue and the lower half, white. Superimposed on the centre is the "Major David," or shield of David. It consists of two crossed triangles in gold. The Emanuel still has a Danish registry. She is a small sailing ship with an auxiliary motor. She was purchased by Captain A. Grevnov, a young Zionist. He intends to use her for coasting in the Levant.

Your Daily Smile.

What, Again? Welfare Worker: "And have you any plans for the future when your sentence expires?" Incorrigible: "Yus, I've got the plans of two jewellers' and a post-office."

Give Him the Green Light

"Going to a fire?" asked the traffic officer sarcastically to the speeding motorist. "W-well, not exactly," answered the motorist. "Just trying to prevent one."

"Yes, and how were you going to do that?" "Well, the boss said that's what he'd do if I were late again, and I was hurrying to get to the office in time."

Irish A gangster on trial for murder bribed an Irishman with £20 to hold out for a verdict of manslaughter. After being out for a long time, the jury returned the desired verdict.

"I'm very grateful to you," the gangster told the Irishman. "Did you have much trouble?" "Yes," replied the Irishman, "I had a devil of a time. All the rest wanted to acquit you."

The Dear Old Soul "And how are you and your husband going to spend your Christmas holiday?" the old lady asked. "Our plans so far are tentative."

"What! You're surely not camping out in this wintry weather?" **A Stone's Throw** Prospective Tenant: "If the house has been recently occupied, how is it all the windows are smashed?" Agent: "Well, sir, my partner will insist on satisfying every inquirer that this house is only a stone's throw from the station."

Facts You Did Not Know.

The engine, transmission and differential are enclosed in a watertight body in a Scotch inventor's automobile that can be used as a boat.

Invisible rays from electric irons in a totally dark room were used recently to photograph inanimate objects by New York state scientists.

Metal-bowling balls have been invented in France that are asserted to have the balance, elasticity and resistance to shock of wooden ones.

domestic aviation, sob stories and money, but also representing foreign problems, efficiency, business, and the international interests of the United States. A wavy line then completes the chart by winding in and out of the squares according to the amount of space the paper under judgment devotes to each topic. There is irony in the idea of the Press, which does so much judging, being judged itself. But, of course, it is always before the bar of public opinion, and the gifts with which a number of papers seek to propitiate the public perhaps argue a very pretty humility about the merits of their contents. If, however, a paper could earn a certificate of ethical worthiness, from some disinterested professors, would not that be a finer thing than any large on the front page, than a mere auditor's certificate of circulation?

**GAMBLING ON THEIR
GOOD YEARS
PRAIRIE FARMERS WHO
SPEND FREELY
FLUCTUATIONS IN CANADA**

(By Julian Duguid.)

To an Englishman, accustomed to Farmer Giles's phlegm, the prairie cultivator is a strange being. The boredom of the horizon and the uncertainty of the weather have forced him into gambling. Beside him the buyer of gold bricks is a sound business man. He would resent this description bitterly, but it is true. I learned about him in small villages and from his own lips in trains. As we passed through Southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan the flowing swell of wheat ran, knee-high, to a flat horizon. On either side of the track continuous stagnant sloughs provided ideal nurseries for mosquitoes. Once every two or three miles a wooden house and barn rose out of the monotony, like chicken-coops seen. To the north and west of each was a wind-break of cottonwoods. Yet the land itself completely lacked protection. The little wayside stations were dominated by grain elevators. It was a view that mesmerised by its appalling sameness.

Mortgaged Farms One scorching night between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw I fell among Scots. A thick film of dust was sifting through the windows; but this man and his wife and son seemed cool enough. They were obviously tried friends. Their eyes were tolerant. A borrowed magazine was sufficient introduction, and, not caring to sleep, we talked until three o'clock. "Depression? Financial tightness? Mortgages?" said the old man. "What a way to speak among Scots! I'll no deny that certain foolish bodies have brought trouble on themselves. But there was no necessity."

I pointed to a Winnipeg newspaper, which stated clearly that mortgage companies were the virtual owners of the prairies. The old lady sniffed; while her son, who had never seen Scotland, undertook to explain. The whole nature of the prairies is absolutely different from England. It is different, indeed, from every other part of Canada. If the farmer obtains a good crop with good prices once in three or four years he is lucky. In the majority of seasons a selection of disasters can, and does, happen. Winds blow down off the Rockies which scatter the seed-corn for leagues. One man I knew planted his acreage, three times, only to lose it in the end. It was buried under sand-drifts, hopelessly.

Breaking The Stranger Then there are caterpillars and grass-hoppers: less spectacular than locusts but equally voracious. They move in armies across a vast territory. They clear the vegetation, hold up trains whose wheels spin in the slippery mess of bodies and, having ruined the cultivator, vanish. The prairie climate, too, is inimical to grain. This year, for instance, I went West in June. The wheat showed a few inches of green, and everyone was crowing. On my return in August it was the same height, but golden. No rain had fallen in the interval. Some farmers said wryly that they guessed it solved the Conference for the Limitation of Crops.

A few packed up, taking the road to Peace River and the North. All set their teeth and wondered how they were going to live. The madhouse near Winnipeg received a small, miraculously small, proportion. Meanwhile, the young Scot was earnestly explaining what was wrong with prairie farming. Not with the prairies themselves, for he had been born on them; loved them as the Scot loves home. He had no fear of horizons, and no boredom. He had never known the pleasures of cold streams and gently folded ground.

It is only the stranger, the pioneer who has been reared to hills, who is broken by the prairies. During the war, when wheat was two dollars a bushel, the prairies were a high-pressure salesmen's dream. From Winnipeg scores of country-boys, with agricultural machinery, horses, the famous

cleanhoofed cross between Clydesdale and Percheron, died out. Thousands of virgin acres were forced into cultivation; and Central Europe provided the man-power. Directly the grain was in the elevators the farmer and his family climbed into a brand-new car and wintered in Florida and California. By the following spring the money was gone, the machinery had depreciated and the salesman was clamouring for settlement. But what matter? Grain was two dollars a bushel. On with the dance!

When The Slump Came When conditions became normal again something had snapped. The younger generation was no longer satisfied. In the old days youths and maidens had been content to stay at home, with, maybe, a monthly dance at the village schoolroom. Now they were restless. Cocktail and hip-flask had come to stay. For a while the farmer bluffed it, and sank deeper in the mire. It was not for some time that the mortgage companies and banks realised that all was not well. Winnipeg, which has the widest streets in Canada and the most grass between the tram-lines, flourished on the instalment system. To-day it has an atmosphere of frustration; from which it may never wholly recover. The increasing mixed farming of Ontario and the possibility of development in the Peace River tend to diminish its hopes.

Fat Times And Lean Now, as the Scotman explained to me, there was no necessity for such want. He and his father still had money in the bank. They had realised the position from the outset, and the hysteria of the boom had passed them by. They had never seen Florida. Later, however, they were considering a trip to Scotland. The old people wished to view Arthur's Seat again before they died.

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**WOOL FOR MAKING
ROADS.**

**Experiment In New
South Wales.**

FIRST EFFORTS FAIL.

Sydney, N.S.W.

An experiment was made at Garah, north-western New South Wales in the use of wool as a road-making material. The portion tried out first met with a long dry spell, and the wool got thoroughly mixed with the soil. It was then straightened up, and later received several good drenchings. This, it was thought, might tend to bind the soil, but as soon as it dried out again it broke up as previously, and the road was no better than any ordinary black soil road. The result of the experiments is accepted as an indication that wool is useless as a road-making material unless it has some material of a binding nature impervious to water mixed with it.—Reuter.

**FIRST STAMP ISSUE FOR
BASUTOLAND**

Maseru Basutoland, which has used Union postage stamps since 1910, will have its own in the near future. The designs have been approved by the Secretary of State and printing is proceeding. In fact, a first consignment of stamps is expected during this year.—Reuter.

BECHUANALAND INCIDENT**Suspension Of Acting Chief Recalled.****DEPUTATION TO MR. THOMAS**

London, To-day. The Secretary for Dominion Affairs, Mr. J. H. Thomas, yesterday received a deputation upon matters concerning Acting Chief Tshetedi and certain administrative problems affecting the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Replying to points raised, the Minister explained that the Government regarded the whole incident connected with the suspension of Tshetedi as finally closed, but that while it was not their intention to re-open it they would not permit it in any way to affect adversely the relations of the Government with the Acting Chief.

With regard to the proposed proclamations relating to the appointment, to the powers of the Chiefs, and to the administration of Justice in native cases the Minister promised to take note of the points raised by the deputation.

As regards the question of transferring matters affecting the Bechuanaland Protectorate from the Office, Mr. Thomas referred the deputation to the statements recently made in the House of Commons on this subject, and emphasised those embodied in the Government's policy.—British Wireless Service.

BRITAIN'S SOUND FINANCES**Rising Revenue, Falling Expenditure.****SATISFACTORY OPENING OF 1934**

London, To-day. The latest Treasury returns show that ordinary revenue for the current financial year up to January 13 amounted to £464,314,761. At the corresponding date of last year the amount stood at £467,550,851.

Ordinary expenditure to date for the current year totalled £542,724,714 as compared with £595,315,682 at the corresponding date of last year.

Income tax payments are continuing to come in satisfactorily, £14,248,000 being received during the present week compared with £8,682,000 in the previous week, while surtax payments increased to £4,040,000 from £3,270,000.—British Wireless Service.

HIGHER TEA QUOTA.**Puzzle Of Distribution In D.E.I.****NATIVE GROWERS FAVOURED BY RESTRICTION**

The Hague, To-day. Commercial circles interested in tea are puzzled by the Dutch East Indies quota distribution. The last statement of the committee, that the export quota had been raised from 85 to 87.5, is regarded as inaccurate. Dutch tea circles state that restriction is much higher, and in some cases, about 50 per cent.

It is alleged that the native producers in the Dutch East Indies are treated over-leniently. European plantations are forced to buy native leaf at a fixed price and at fixed quantities and so, are compelled to cut down their own production. It is a fact, however, that the quota is higher this year.—Reuter.

CAR IMPORTS INTO SPAIN.**Discrimination Against British Vehicles.**

London, To-day. It was announced at the Foreign Office yesterday that the Spanish Government have agreed to grant, as from October 1 last, in respect of motor cars imported from the United Kingdom, the same rebates in duties as already granted to cars imported from France.

The United Kingdom Government, while accepting this offer, have made it clear that their acceptance does not prejudice the claims of either His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or His Majesty's Government in Canada to "most favoured nation" treatment.—British Wireless Service.

FRENCH AIR LINER DISASTER**Bodies Of Victims Identified.**

Paris, To-day. All the bodies removed from the wreckage of the French air liner, "Emeraude," which crashed in flames near Corbigny, France, on Monday night, have been identified. The remains lie in the Chapel of Repose.

The commission inquiry into the disaster has arrived from Corbigny.—Reuter.

The "Emeraude" was flying from Lyons to Paris at the time of the disaster, carrying six passengers and four crew, all of whom were incinerated. The crash, which is thought to have been caused by the plane hitting high-tension wires during a snowstorm, occurred at the village of Guerigny, near Clamecy.

SURGERY MURDER TRIAL.**Chicago Girl's Death On Operating Trial.**

Chicago, To-day. A gruesome episode in the surgery murder trial in which Dr. Alice Wynkoop is charged with the slaying of her daughter-in-law, Rheta, occurred yesterday, when the blood-stained operating table on which the body of Rheta was found, was exhibited in Court.

The defence claims that Rheta either committed suicide or was killed by a mysterious drug fiend.

The prosecution allege that the object of the crime was to secure the insurance money on Rheta's life, the Wynkoop family being temporarily embarrassed by mortgages on their home.—Reuter.

GERMAN TRANSFER MORATORIUM.**Swiss Representative Going To London.**

London, To-day. The head of the Economic Section of the Swiss Foreign Office, M. Stucki, will reach London on Friday and will discuss with the British Government questions regarding the German transfer moratorium.—British Wireless Service.

CAUGHT CARRYING ILLEGAL WEAPONS.**Charge Of Attempted House-Breaking.**

Arrested with five offensive weapons in his possession, an unemployed Chinese, Kwong Wu, was charged before by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with attempted house-breaking at 327 Queen's Road West and with possession of unlawful implements.

He was found guilty and sentenced to six months' hard labour. A third charge of stealing a water tap from the same address was withdrawn.

COLONY'S LATEST THEATRE**Alhambra To Be Opened This Month.****KOWLOON'S NEW HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT**

The new Alhambra Theatre, Nathan Road, Kowloon, which will be the largest and most up-to-date cinema house in the Colony, is scheduled to be opened on or about January 28, featuring the Fox musical extravaganza, "Gold Diggers of 1933". The Theatre is owned and controlled by Hong Kong Amusement, Limited.

Unique features have been employed in the construction of the building. The auditorium is fan-shaped, with seats giving an excellent view of the screen from every part, while at the same time the acoustic properties of the house are beyond cavil.

The tastefully decorated lobby at the main entrance in Nathan Road covers an area of 2,000 square feet. Separate exits have been provided, so that the audience leaving the building will not clash with those waiting in the lobby.

The dress circle is the largest in the Colony, having a clear span of 110 feet and a depth from back to front of 52 feet. The whole of the reinforced concrete framework passed all tests in May 1932, to the satisfaction of the Building Authorities.

A feature of the dress circle is that entrance is provided in the centre by a stairway leading to the front.

There is seating accommodation for 1,795 persons in all. 682 in the dress circle, 410 in the back stalls, 404 in the middle stalls, 266 in the front stalls and 33 in the boxes.

The architects are Messrs. T. C. Wong and Company.

QUEEN'S ROAD FIRE SEQUEL.**Warrant For Tenant Of Premises Issued.**

Chan Kwok, late tenant of 355 Queen's Road Central, the scene of the fatal fire on December 7 last, was summoned at the Central Police Court this morning for erecting several dwarf walls on the first and second floors without the permission of the Public Works Department.

Defendant failed to appear and the Magistrate, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, ordered a warrant for his arrest to be issued.

THREE LOCAL ARMY OFFICERS PROMOTED

The following local promotions have been gazetted:—

Royal Engineers.—Lieut. (Qr. Mr.) P. R. Regan, M. B. E., M. C., to be Captain (Qr. Mr.). South Wales Borderers.—Capt. C. A. Baker, M. C. to be Major. 1/8 Punjab Regiment.—2nd Lieut. E. H. Latham to be Lieut.

To-day's Short Story.**THE SECRET OF THE SCHWARTZTAL****By Francis Gribble.**

TWILIGHT was beginning when Christian Summer-matter guided me over the ridge and down into the Schwartztal; but there was still light enough to let me see that this Black Valley merited its name.

The slopes shelved so steeply that grass would hardly grow on them. They were strewn with boulders both large and small, brought down by the spring avalanches, and cut by precipices of any height from ten to hundreds of feet. There was no danger, provided that one did not miss the way; but one had to pick the way cautiously from ledge to ledge. Otherwise one might easily find himself "stuck" on the edge of a cliff. There was no sound except the roar of the muddy glacier torrent, far below. The effect, in the gathering darkness, was very eerie.

"A wild place, Christian," I said. "Very wild, herr. But go carefully," the guide replied.

"There are no lights anywhere. The valley seems quite uninhabited."

"No one lives here because no one can make a living here. The pastures are too bad."

"But the pass at the head of the valley—does no one use it?"

"No honest men use it—only the smugglers going to Italy."

"And what a place"—the dark and weird desolation of the spot brought the idea irresistibly to my mind—"what a place for a crime that no one would ever discover!"

"Of course."

It was a curious answer, but it meant only that Christian was too

busy looking for the way to talk. We stood on a slope so steep that we needed all the nails in our boots to keep us from slipping, and he peered anxiously to right and left into the deepening gloom.

"Ah, there it is," he said at last. "There is my landmark—the monument."

"The monument? A monument here?"

I repeated the words with as much amazed curiosity as a tired man may feel; and then following Christian down an easy "chimney" in the rocks, I became aware of a small stone cross placed under the lee of a low cliff at the head of a long grass slope.

"Be careful," Christian warned me. "The slope is easy here, but it gets steeper, and, at the end of it, where you cannot see, there is a precipice which falls sheer into the Schwartzbach. We must keep close under the cliff for a little further, and we must be quick, for it is getting late."

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Bridal Pond," by Zona Gale.

"One minute," I said. "I want to look," and while Christian walked on, impatient to get to the floor of the valley before it was quite dark, I struck a match, sheltered it in my folded hand, and read the inscription:

"In memory of Robert Denmore. Foully murdered near this spot."

That, with the date, was all; and as there was no time to speculate, I threw the match away and walked on after Christian.

"So you read the inscription, herr?" he asked when I overtook him.

"Of course. But it tells very little. Do you know the story?"

"Do I know the story? But I thought that everybody knew it. Seeing that I was there—"

"What! You were there when the murder was committed?"

"No, no, herr. There would have been no murder if I had been there—or else I, too, should have been killed. But I was there when the murder was found out. It was the Herr Denmore's brother who found out, and I was with him."

"Ah, then you will tell me—"

"Not now. The way is too difficult for talking in the dark. When we get down to the inn—"

"What inn?"

"The ruin of the inn in which the Herr Denmore slept. The Herr Denmore's brother and I, who was with him, slept there too; but it has been deserted ever since. Since the herr is tired, and if the herr is not afraid—"

"We will stay there," I said; and a quarter of an hour's rough going brought us to the abandoned house. It was a mere shell, one-storeyed, clumsily built of grey stones. All the furniture and all the fixtures had been carried away, no doubt by its patrons the smugglers. All the windows were broken and holes gaped in the roof. Still, one could shelter there on a dry night; and Christian had soon gathered wood and lighted a fire.

He milled a bottle of wine to wash down the cold meat and Gruyere cheese in our rucksacks; and then, as we huddled over the logs and smoked our pipes, he told me, in his artless, childish way, his story of the secret of the Schwartztal.

"It was a great mystery," he said, "and there was much talk about it, even in your English papers. Do you not remember?"

The vague recollection did recur to me of the mysterious disappearance of an English tourist in the Alps; but I had missed the sequel, and supposed that the mystery was a mystery still. Christian filled in the details.

"No one knew why he went there," he said. "No one knew that he had gone. It is a mad thing to travel like that, without telling anyone, but some herrs like to do it. No one would ever have known about the Herr Denmore if the landlord had not spoken."

"The landlord of this inn?"

"That is the one; there was no other. It would have been better for him to be silent; but he talked."

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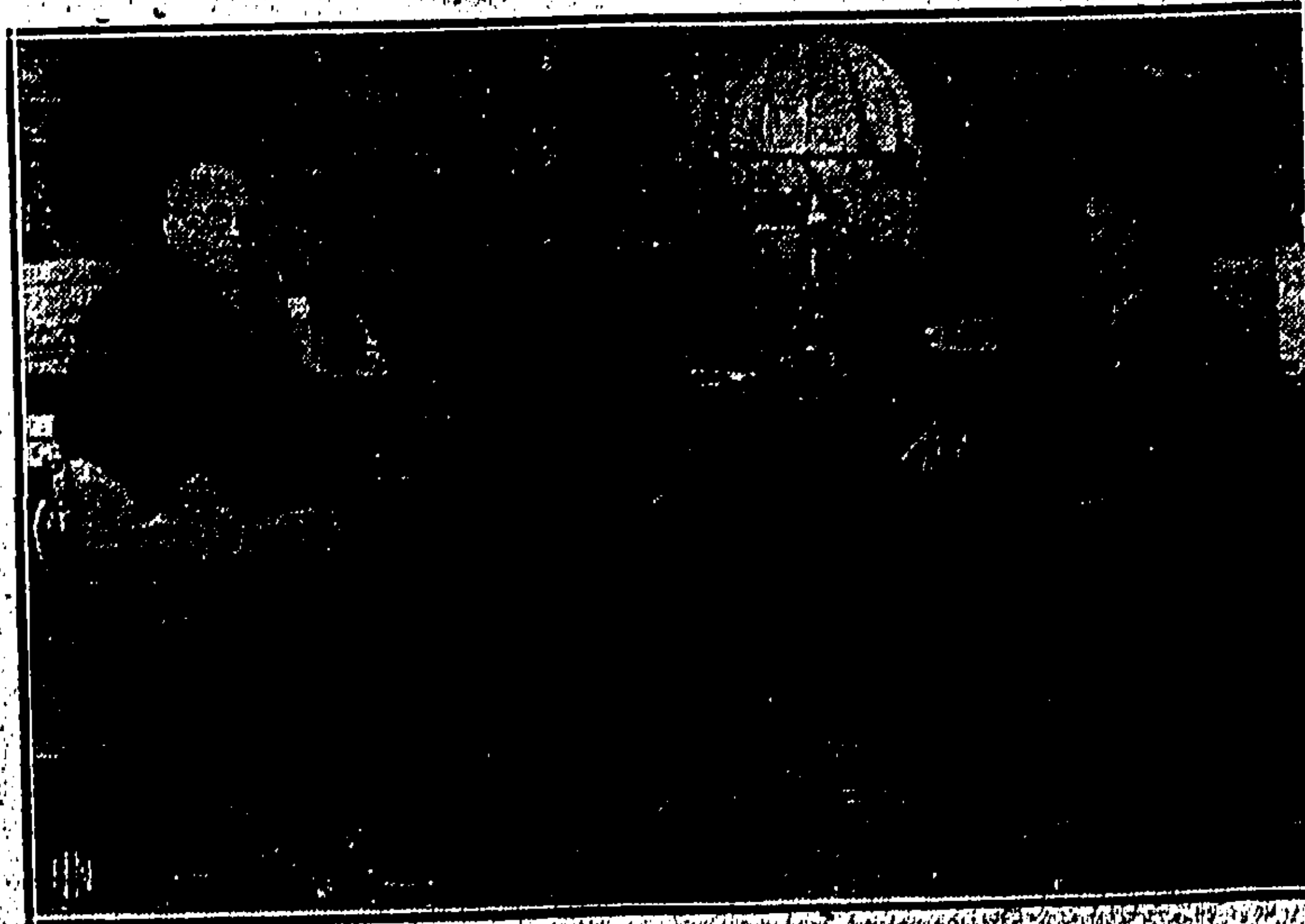
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The Secret Of The Schwarztal

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and he asked questions when he went down into the village to buy cognac. He told of this Herr who slept in his inn and had plenty of money in his pocket and made a mystery of where he was going. He said he was afraid for him because of the smugglers, and he asked if any one had seen him.

"And no one had?"
"No one."
"There was a search?"
"Of course; but nothing could be found. And many smugglers were arrested; but nothing could be proved. The smugglers, as the Herr knows, are generally honest men."

He merely meant that smugglers, on the frontier, stuck, as a rule, to smuggling, fearing to become marked men if they molested tourists; and there, I knew, was true.

"And so it was a mystery," Christian continued. "They called it the secret of the Schwarztal."

"And the landlord?" I asked.

"Did nobody suspect him?"

"How should one suspect the landlord, seeing that it was he who had told? Besides, the landlord said he was a very religious man; and when he heard that the Herr could not be found he put up a monument to him. It was a little wooden cross, stuck on a heap of stones, just where the stone cross is standing now. He stuck it up, and he strewed edelweiss on the stones; and everybody said that no doubt the Herr Densmore had tumbled over a precipice or fallen into the Schwarzbach. It might easily happen, they said, that a man might fall into the Schwarzbach and that his body might never be found."

Looking down on the torrent which foamed over the boulders fifty yards below us I could easily believe him. Christian continued: "And then, three years afterwards, came the Herr Densmore's brother. He was the Captain Densmore, and he had been fighting against the Boers in South Africa, so that he could not come sooner. When he did come people thought, at first, that it was the Herr Densmore himself, for he was his twin brother, and so much like him that even their friends could not always be sure which was which of them. Indeed, the people laughed at first, and said that he had come to look at his own monument; but when they knew, then, of course, they did not laugh any longer."

"But he wanted to look at the monument, I suppose?"

"He wanted to look at it; but he also wanted to search and to inquire, for when they told him that his brother had fallen into the Schwarzbach, he did not believe them. He said he knew better because he had had a dream, and he told me about the dream as I was guiding him up the valley. He was sleeping in his tent, he said, in some place far away in South Africa, and he had dreamt that he saw his brother's body lying dead."

"And it was not the body of a man who had been drowned?"

"No, herr. It was a body with a red gash, as if it had been made with a knife."

"And that was all that he saw?"

"That was how it was to be; for the Herr Captain, having fought in a war, did not mind shooting a man when he had a good reason for doing so. Only it could not be like that because the first person who turned pale at the sight of the Herr Captain was a woman, and the Herr Captain did not know that women could be wicked, and was not accustomed to shoot them."

"The landlord was out when we got to the inn—he had walked further up the valley with one of the smugglers—and only the landlord's wife was there. She was rather old, and very ugly, without any teeth, and with a shrivelled skin; and when she saw the Herr Captain—for, at first, she had only seen me—she turned quite white, and looked as if her eyes would fall out of her head."

"It is his ghost," she screamed. "He has come back to haunt us; and she dropped the wine on to the floor, so that the bottle and the glasses broke, and ran into the kitchen to hide herself."

"I thought that the Herr Captain would have followed her, but he did not. He sat down and waited."

"The old woman knows," he said, "and we shall soon know, too. We are on the track of the secret here, and when the landlord comes back—"

"He fingered his revolver again when he said that, and there was no doubt what he meant. But we knew—for I had asked—that it might be some hours before the landlord came, and there was nothing for us to do in that inn while we were waiting."

"We did not talk, for though I am a slow man, I knew that one must not talk to a man whose mind was full of such terrible thoughts as his. But presently, after a long silence, the Herr Captain himself spoke."

"Come, Christian," he said. "I can't bear to keep sitting here. You must guide me up the hill to—you know."

"He meant that he wanted to be taken to the cross which the landlord had set up for his brother, and so we set out and climbed slowly up the hill—the way that you and I have just come down in the dark."

"She won't run away," said the Herr Captain. "There's nowhere for her to run to, so there's no fear of that. She'll tell her husband she's seen a ghost, and he won't believe her. Presently, when we come down again in the dark—"

"That was his plan, but there was no need for him to carry it out, as you will see; and he had other thoughts in his mind as well. 'I did not speak to him, except to tell him when to turn to the right or to the left, for it would not have been proper to talk to a man so troubled; and when we reached the cross under the cliff, at the head of

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"But how will you find out, herr?" I asked him. "The Schwarztal is very large. It has been searched already; and a man might search there for years and yet find nothing."

"I know that, Christian," said the Herr Captain. "I shall not look for the body. I shall look for the murderer. It is he who will show me the body."

"But if he is not there?"

"Then I shall wait for him. However far a murderer goes from the place of his crime he always comes back to it."

"But the Herr Captain has never seen him. How, then, will the Herr Captain know him if he comes?"

"He will know me, Christian," said the Herr Captain; and, at first, being a slow man, I wondered what he meant, but afterwards I understood.

"It was because the Herr Captain and his brother were so much alike that the murderer would know him. He would turn pale, thinking that he was a ghost, and then the Herr Captain would understand."

"And I have my revolver, Christian," said the Herr Captain, pulling it out of his pocket and showing it to me.

"And then, Herr Captain?" I asked him.

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the grass slope, I moved away to a little distance, so that the Herr Captain might be alone with his grief. "He sat down beside the heap of boulders, and I think there were tears in his eyes, although I could not see them. He sat quite a long time like that while the sun went down behind the mountains; and it was getting dark quickly because, although the moon had risen, it was covered by a cloud. He wept, no doubt, and I think he prayed; and presently, as if it were in answer to his prayers, a new thought came to him. "Christian," he called to me; and when I drew near there was a look on his face such as I had never seen on a man's face before. "Christian," he said, "suppose the secret is here. I'm going to dig and see."

"That shocked me, for I am a religious man. Perhaps I am even superstitious. To disturb the cross—it would be desecration. I feared that something terrible would happen."

"But, the Herr Captain, he was not afraid. Though he knew that other people believed in ghosts, he, himself, did not believe in them; and it seemed to me that he drove out his fears by thinking."

"Yes, Christian," he said to me again. "I'm going to dig."

"Because the man who set up this cross would be sure to believe that this was the last place in which anyone would think of digging."

"Being a slow man, I had not thought of that; but, of course, it was so."

"He would think it the safest place of all," the Herr Captain went on, "especially if he was a superstitious man. So I shall dig and see what I can find. There is no need for you to help me if you are afraid."

"Indeed, I am afraid, Herr," said, "but I will stay with you and watch," and I stood by the Herr Captain while he lifted off the boulders, one by one, and scratched up the earth beneath them.

"And then—how can I tell you? What can I say except that the Herr Captain was right, and that the secret of the Schwarztal was there?"

"There was something protruding from the ground—a scrap of the cloth of a man's sleeve. It was enough to show the Herr Captain that he must go on digging. He dug on, and the body was there—or what was left of it—there in that lonely place in which you and I, Herr, just now stood together, looking ghastly—oh, so ghastly—in the dark that was now coming on."

"The Herr Captain stood over it like a man dazed and in a dream. It was a long time before he could bring himself to speak, and, of course, it was not for me to speak to him. But at last he spoke, and once more his fingers were on his revolver."

"Now the secret is out, Christian," he said, "and now I shall know what to do. The man shall first kneel and ask God's pardon for his crime, and then—"

"There could be no doubt whatever what he meant. He meant to force the landlord to confess and then to shoot him; and I verily believe that he would have been ready to shoot me too if I had tried to stop him. But just as he rose to

his feet and was about to go down the hill I noticed something.

"Wait, Herr," I said. "I see a light. It is a lantern, and whoever is carrying it is coming towards us."

"We guessed, of course, that it could be no one but the landlord himself, and it was not hard to guess the reason why he was coming. His wife, of course, had told him of the ghost which she had seen. He did not believe her, but he wanted to make sure. He wanted to stand again by the side of the grave which he had dug, and see for himself that he could not sleep until he was satisfied of that. So he had taken his lantern and was climbing. That was what both the Herr Captain and I guessed, for, of course, there was no other guess for us to make."

"We'll wait for him here," said the Herr Captain. "When he comes nearer we'll hide behind one of the big boulders."

"So we stayed still and watched. Sometimes we lost sight of the lantern as it passed behind one of the rocks; but we soon saw it again, and each time that we saw it was nearer. We could be quite sure now that it was the landlord, and that he was coming to the grave."

"Now it is time to hide, Christian," said the Herr Captain presently; and we crouched behind one of the boulders as he had said we should.

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"His hands dropped the lantern, and we saw it rolling down the hill until it struck a rock and broke and was put out; and he stood still in an awful silence as if rooted to the ground. It was not until the Herr Captain stepped slowly down towards him, without saying a word, that he found his tongue at last and burst into a shriek."

"It is he! It is he! My God! I heard him yell; and then I saw him turn round and run blindly—right down a steep slope which ended in a precipice; and then I saw the Herr Captain start to run down the same slope, pursuing him."

"It was an awful moment, Herr, for I knew that that precipice below, and I knew that it would be impossible for the Herr Captain, just as it was impossible for the landlord, to stop himself. But though

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MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF FAMILY

Recluse Charged With
Four Murders.

GRUESOME FIND RECALLED

Dallas, Texas.

The gruesome discovery of a rotten sack containing pieces of clothing, and a bullet hole in the wall of a small East Texas shack, have led to the filing of murder charges against a 51-year-old recluse, George Patton, in connection with the disappearance on Thanksgiving Day, 1932 of a family of four.

Jess Sweeten, Henderson County Sheriff, who has been making intermittent investigations into the case, in an effort to trace the whereabouts of the family, brought Patton here for questioning, after which murder charges were filed.

The family was composed of Mr. J. W. McGehee, 25, his wife Carrie, 21, and their two children, a boy aged five and a girl aged two.

They were last heard of on Patton's farm where they took up residence in October, 1932. Just before Thanksgiving Day, November, relatives of theirs called at the farm to see them. They were informed that the family had left that night but that they were expected to return the following week.

Investigators have been informed that a car stopped before the farm that night, and that Mr. McGehee entered the house and said to his wife: "Get your glad rags on, we're going."

Neighbouring farmers told police officers that no car had been on the road that night to their knowledge.

The search around Patton's farm disclosed the sack, in which were the remains of a blue shirt and other garments, identified as similar to those worn by McGehee the day he disappeared.

Little was known of the family.—Reuter.

HAIRDRESSER WINS \$62,500.

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GAMBLING ON THEIR GOOD YEARS

(Continued from Page 8).

The plan on which they worked was this: Prairie farming should never be budgeted on a yearly basis. Since large profits come only once in three or four years, expenditure should be spread over that period. In fat times the farmer should not materially alter his standard of life. The money he needed for the lean. The lump sum from a good crop will easily tide him over. Yet, as I had learned from experience, the Scot was in a pitiable minority.

The prairie farmer is a gambler, with all that this implies. Mentally lazy, he would rather throw all his acreage into wheat and take a one to three chance on disappointment than play safe. Mixed farming, which even to-day gives a fair living, is too dull and too much trouble. Who would milk the cows when the owner is in California?

Yet, when the crash comes, the man of the prairies has every bit as much courage as his intellectual equal, the professional gambler of the old Yukon.

The "mechanical" problem, too, keeps the farmer continually on his toes. Agricultural machinery, which is absolutely essential to large wheat production, depreciates quickly. It is expensive. It eats fuel, and it is extravagant.

The Gambling Germ
Recently, however, a change has come over the farmer. Of necessity, he is becoming simple-minded. His children, who had migrated to the cities, are in many cases unemployed, and have returned to him. His machinery, having worn out, is not so readily replaced, even on the installment system. The old Clydesdale-Percheron is once more in the stable.

In agricultural country an animal is more easily fed than a machine. Nor is there so much demand for outside labour. The casual farmhand, the man who jumps freight, is apt to find his job gone. The owner and his children are in abject poverty, and it is a precipice of fifteen

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TURKISH MEN DEFY HAREM EDICT.

Notaries Bribe To
Abet Polygamy.

Istanbul.
Police authorities in Istanbul have discovered that many married men are ignoring Mustafa Kemal's edict against polygamy and bribing notaries to marry them to second wives.

The Government is taking strong action to end this practice. One of Mustafa Kemal Pasha's first moves after he became the President of Turkey was to abolish polygamy. But he allowed men who already had more than one wife to keep them.—Reuter.

survive the depression. The monotony of the prairies and the long winters have sown the gambling germ too well. When prosperity returns, and already there are signs in Canada, the old comedy will be repeated. Motor-cars, which are now stripped of their bodies and drawn by horses, will return. The young people will fly to the easy money of the towns. High-pressure salesmen will polish up their talk.

In comparison with Southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Northern Alberta is prosperous. There, within a couple of hundred miles of Edmonton, farmers are more sensible. They raise pigs and cows and chickens as well as wheat.

Three Thrifty Scots
In spite of poor prices and the difficulty of marketing there is little actual want outside the towns. Clothes are the only necessities which cannot be grown on the farm. And so the mid-cycle of the prairies goes on. The best hotels in Miami and Santa Barbara one year; something very close to destitution for the next three. Is it worth while? Does the average farmer get more enjoyment out of life than my canny Irish of Scotia?

If one interprets excitement for joy, perhaps he does. But there was a calm repose in those three faces which was much more sane and lasting. I hope they enjoy their holiday in Edinburgh.

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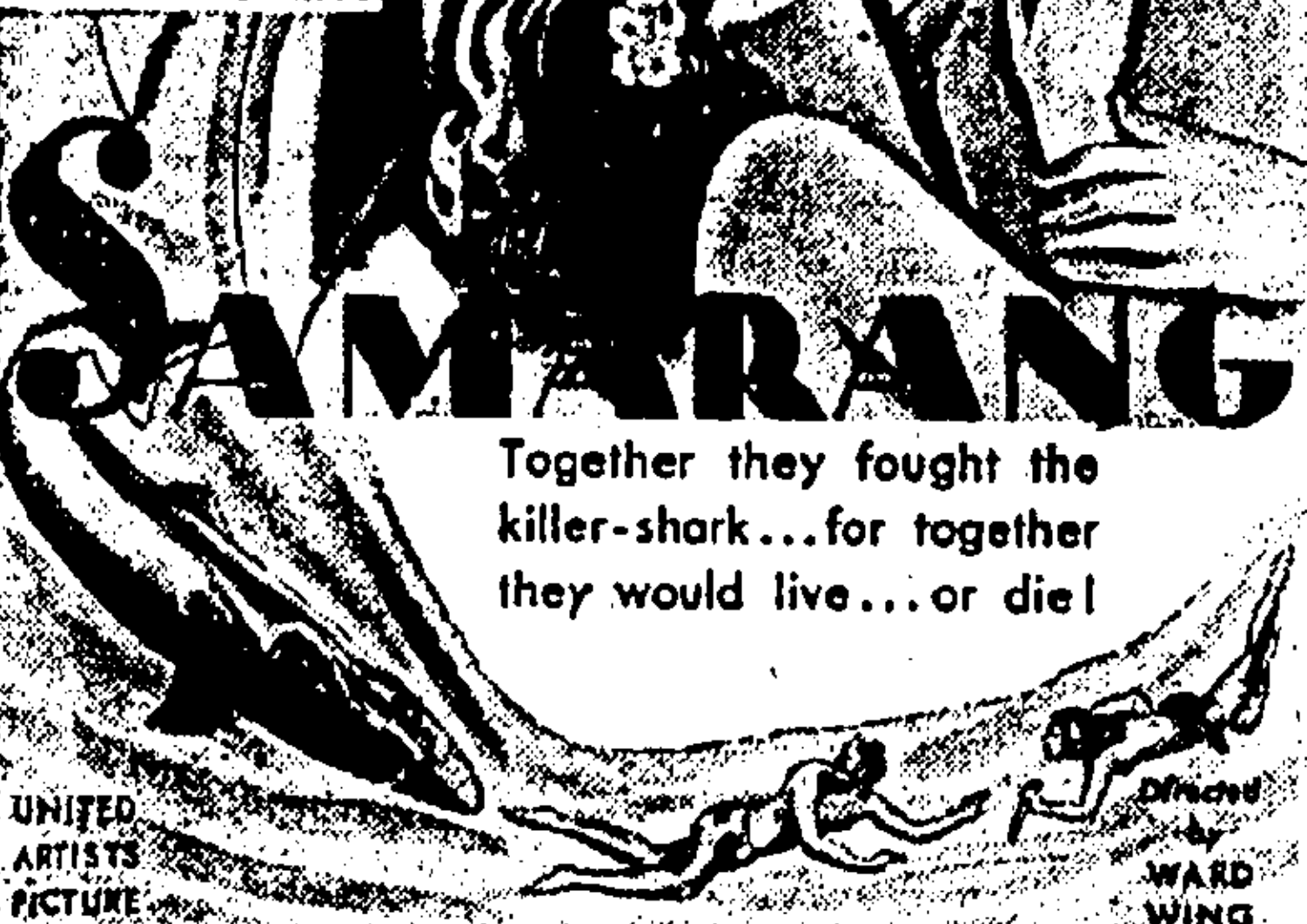
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Visit To Caledon
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Sydney, N.S.W.
The Rev. H. E. Warren, who is
to lead the Church Missionary
Society's peace mission to the
Caledon Bay aborigines, passed
through Sydney on his way to
Thursday Island. From there
his party proposes to sail by
lugger.

In an interview, Mr. Warren
said he had no fears about the
outcome of the mission. "I
know the natives," he said.
"My wife and I worked among
them for 20 years; my children
were born in their midst. We
propose to go among them un-
armed, relying on the power of
God to bring peace and goodwill,
brotherhood, and good fellowship
between them and their white
brethren in the north."

"Our mission marks a new de-
parture in the manner of dealing
with the few remaining aborig-
ines in Australia. It is a
practical demonstration of the
Church's missionary ideals. I
believe our mission will point the
way to a solution of this native

problem. It marks a definite
effort on the part of a Christian
nation to deal with its child
races in a Christian way.

"The Caledon Bay aborigines,"
Mr. Warren said, "are known as
the Balamun tribe, and are the
most numerous and the fiercest
in the North; but I have always
found them friendly. The Japane-
se who were killed recently
were not murdered, they were
killed in straight-out warfare by
those who were defending their
homes, families, and honour."

"In 1925 Sir Hubert Wilkins
and I went into the country and
were hospitably received. I
have been there since. The
task we have undertaken may ap-
pear difficult and dangerous, but
it is not dangerous for us who
are known and respected among
the native people."—Reuter.

The fortnightly meeting of the
Sanitary Board was held yesterday
afternoon, the business discussed
being purely formal. Mr. G. R.

Sayer, the President, was in the
chair, and others present were the
Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, Vice-
President, Dr. G. W. Pone, M. O.
H., Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall,
Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. R. A. de
Castro Basto and Mr. C. J. Roe,
secretary.

BEWARE OF POLITICAL HANDSHAKES

Potential Disease
Carriers.

HEALTH EXPERT'S OPINION

Detroit.

"Do not shake hands with
politicians," is the advice given
by Dr. Estabrook, Deputy Com-
missioner for Health, to the
public. In the hands of politi-
cians, he says, are things far
worse than campaign cigars.

"Bugs," is how he describes
them, "millions of bugs."
"Politicians as politicians are
all right," the doctor says, "but
they are potential disease car-
riers because of their handshak-
ing exposure to the public."

Bound by time-honoured tradi-
tion to extend a hand to every-
body, politicians pass along
numerous fierce germ diseases
such as, streptococcus hemolyti-
cus, streptococcus viridans,
staphylococcus aureus, meningo-
coccus epidemics, micrococcus
catarrhalis, bacillus influenzae,
vibrio septique—not to mention
some others even harder to
spell.—Reuter.

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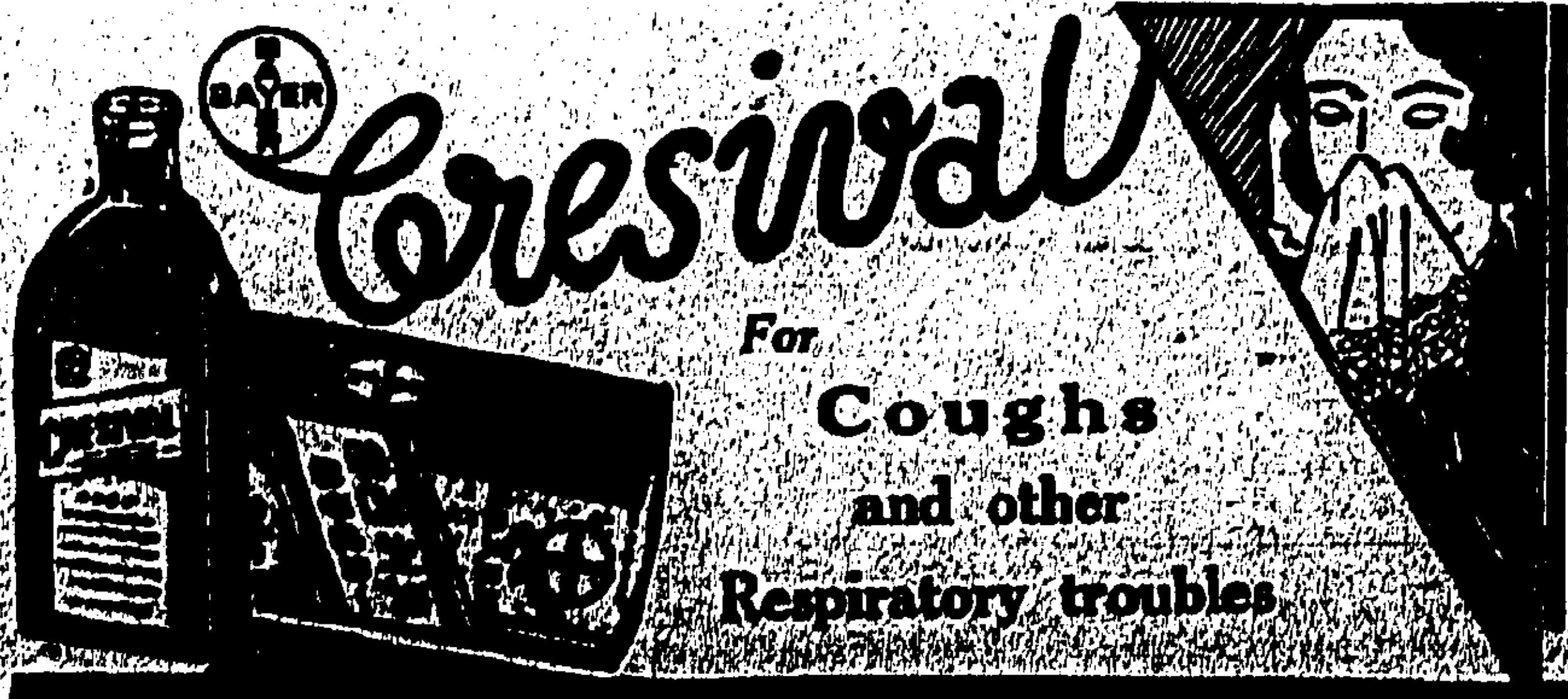
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